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## HOW NAVAL BATTLE BEGAN TOLD BY PASSENGER ON FRENCH LINER: NO DECISION IN BERLIN AS TO GRAF SPEE PLANS

AN ACCOUNT OF HOW THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE THREE BRITISH CRUISERS, H. M. S. EXETER, H. M. S. ACHILLES AND H. M. S. AJAX, AND THE GERMAN POCKET BATTLESHIP ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE began, given by a passenger on board the French liner Formose, which was being conveyed by the Ajax, is contained in a Reuter message from Buenos Aires.

MEANWHILE, A REUTER REPORT FROM AMSTERDAM STATES THAT NOTHING HAS YET BEEN REVEALED IN BERLIN ABOUT THE PLANS OF THE GRAF SPEE.

The German authorities have been examining reports from the captain of the pocket battleship, now lying in Montevideo harbour, and the German Legation but hitherto it is not known what decision will be taken.

The passenger aboard the French liner Formose related that at 6 p.m. on Wednesday when the liner was off the Uruguayan coast they sighted the Graf Spee sailing parallel with the Formose. The Graf Spee fired four shots at a target which was invisible from the liner.

### FAIR AND SQUARE

"At 7.30 p.m. we saw a British cruiser approaching at great speed. When she was 12 miles off, she opened fire on the German battleship. The first shell missed but the range was then rectified and the second took the Graf Spee fair and square in the stern.

"The cruiser threw a smoke-screen to hide herself and then resumed the chase," he said. "The Graf Spee was surprised by the sudden attack. She increased her speed and replied with a volley of four shots all of which fell wide.

"The cruiser pressed on with the attack without allowing the Graf Spee the slightest breathing space. When night fell the Graf Spee was still firing her shells, seemingly at random. She disappeared into the darkness, still pursued by the British warship," concluded the passenger.

### URGENT EXCHANGE

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—An urgent exchange of questions and instructions was proceeding in code between Berlin and Montevideo all yesterday and most of last night.

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## 2 GERMAN SHIPPING FIRMS LOSE HEAVILY

Special to the H.K. Daily Press NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (Havas)—Two German shipping companies, the Norddeutscher Lloyd and the Hamburg Amerika Line, have suffered huge losses since the outbreak of war due to the fact that 40 of their ships are blocked in American ports and 2,800 men, who are idle, continue to draw their salary.

Furthermore, they must purchase supplies and foodstuffs for these vessels.

An interesting sidelight on the situation is the polite refusal of the companies of the offer for repatriation by 300 Chinese sailors, who had signed two-year contracts, stating that they prefer to adhere "strictly to the terms of the contracts."

## Nomura Tries To Conciliate Third Powers

TOKYO, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—As a concrete measure to help to break the Japan-American diplomatic deadlock there is every possibility of the Yangtze being reopened to third power shipping in the near future, says the Kokumin Shimbun today.

### A NECESSITY

The newspaper understands that Admiral Nomura regards this measure as a fundamental necessity.

His opponents, on the other hand, argue that the re-opening of the Yangtze to third power shipping would violate China's administrative rights and will enable the powers concerned not only to enjoy economic benefits, but also to exercise political and military pressure on China.

Therefore, they say, third power navigation rights on Chinese waterways should be abolished.

### A.R.P. EXERCISE AT YAUMATI

The Director of Air Raid Precautions announced that the Air Raid Warning siren will sound at one minute to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning to indicate the commencement of the A.R.P. exercise at Yaumati. It will sound again at 10 a.m. to indicate the termination of the exercise.

It should be noted, however, that the duration of the signal has been limited to one minute, and the siren will not be sounded over the regulation period of three minutes.

## BUSY DAY FOR ENVOY

TIENSIN, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, American Ambassador to China, had a most busy morning interviewing individuals while in the afternoon he spent two hours closeted with leading American business leaders.

American Consular and Chamber of Commerce officials decline to divulge anything for the present.

Mr. Yoshio Muto, Japanese Consul-General, called on Mr. Johnson.



Kwangsi troops build a new highway to Indo-China to replace the one rendered useless by the Japanese occupation of Nanning. (Photo, S. H. Hsia).

## New Zealanders Elated At Part Played By H.M.S. Achilles

WELLINGTON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—New Zealanders are elated at the part played by H.M.S. Achilles in the Atlantic battle.

The Governor-General, Lord Galway, sent a message to the Secretary of State for the Dominions, Mr. Anthony Eden, congratulating the Captain and all ranks for the heroic part played in the defeat of the Admiral Graf Spee.

The Prime Minister, Mr. M. J. Savage, stated that the battle would take a notable place in the glorious annals of British naval history.

He congratulated, on behalf of the Government and the people, the Captain and the crew, which included 327 New Zealanders. He added that it was gratifying that in the first naval action "our boys acquitted themselves in a manner fully in keeping with the great traditions of the British Navy."

## Unable To Count Nazi Bombers

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—An eye-witness of an aerial combat between 12 British bombers and a large number of German fighters said that there were so many of the latter, and they were changing directions of flight, that he was unable to count their exact number.

He added that when the battle was over he saw nine bombers flying away in a north-west direction.

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## AIR BATTLE OVER HELIGOLAND

LONDON, Dec. 15 (BWS)—Yesterday was a day of almost unceasing activity over the North Sea by aircraft of the Royal Air Force. Considerable forces made wide searches for enemy surface craft and submarines.

One of the sweeps—as reconnaissance flights over the sea are called—extended over Heligoland Bight and during this operation a formation of aircraft engaged strong enemy fighter forces at the same time encountering anti-aircraft fire from German warships.

It looked as though the Germans were going to escape any real punishment but then a twin-engined Messerschmidt German fighter fell in flames into the sea. A few minutes later another German fighter met the same fate and these two were followed by a third and fourth. In the engagement one of our aircraft was shot down and two others are missing.

All our other formations of aircraft returned to their base after dark barely half an hour overdue.

### OUT-NUMBERED

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—It is learned that in the air encounter over the Frisian Islands and the Heligoland Bight, the British machines were heavily outnumbered.

They did not belong to the newly-formed Security Patrol.

### WESTERN FRONT ACTIVITY

PARIS, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Sharp engagements between reconnaissance units are reported from the Vosges region and there was considerable activity along the whole front from the Moselle to the Rhine.

## CHEERLESS CHRISTMAS

CANTON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—A cheerless Christmas awaits members of the foreign colony in Shanghai with the announcement that the Pearl River will be closed to shipping as from Dec. 12 until the end of the year owing to military necessity.

The announcement caused disappointment to large crowds who, as usual, had anticipated spending the week-end in Hongkong.

## Unbreakable Control Of The Sea

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—The New York Daily News says that the victory shows that the British are holding an unbreakable control of the sea, meaning that the Allies can eventually starve Germany into submission.

Hitler would be wise to begin thinking of another peace offer.

## Swedish Ships Confiscated

HAMBURG, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Two Swedish ships have been confiscated by the Hamburg Prize Court. They were seized by German warships in the North Sea.

The Estonia ship, Minna, which was also seized, has been released, though her cargo has been confiscated. She was on her way to North America.

### BOMBING LOSSES IN KWANGTUNG

SHUUKWAN, Dec. 15 (Central)—One hundred and fifty-three civilians were killed, 219 wounded and 281 houses wrecked as a result of Japanese air bombing operations in north and east Kwangtung in November.

## PROGRESS OF OFFENSIVE BY CHINESE IN HUPEH: BIG ADVANCES CLAIMED

FANCHENG, HUPEH, Dec. 15 (Central)—Chinese forces in Central and North Hupeh are continuing their advances since their major offensive launched on Tuesday.

Aside from Topaoan and Lohanssu, the units which crossed the Siang River have recaptured more important points in their drive along the Hankow-Ichang highway, including Nanchanglu and Hsuehichang, west of Tienmen. Kungyichang, where the Japanese retreated, is surrounded.

Japanese reinforcements were intercepted at Hsuehichang and suffered over 800 casualties. Several Japanese tanks and armoured cars and a considerable quantity of arms and ammunition were captured.

### HEAVY CASUALTIES

Further Japanese reinforcements have been called out. Fighting is raging in the vicinity of Yunglungsho. Sientaochen, in the neighbourhood, is encircled by the Chinese.

The Japanese have suffered heavy casualties in an engagement near Tienkiang, 95 miles above Hankow on the south bank of the Han River.

On the Suihsien sector, in North Hupeh, the Chinese have also recovered more important points, including Yuchiatien and Tashichashan. The Chinese north of

Yingshan are vigorously attacking Chaokowtien.

JAPANESE DISLODGED Japanese units at Hsuehichang, north-east of Suihsien, have been dislodged. They are bringing in reinforcements from the neighbourhood to stage a comeback.

To the north-west of Anlu, south of Yingshan, a Japanese unit has been defeated, abandoning over 100 bodies.

The Hwayuan-Kwangsu section of the Peking-Hankow Railway has been damaged by Chinese at three points. The rails near Sinyang, in south Homan, have also been torn up. The Japanese are finding it extremely difficult to send men and munitions to the north Hupeh front.

### APPROACHING YOYANG

MILO, HUNAN, Dec. 15 (Central)—Chinese troops are approaching

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## BUILDING IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WITH NO FIRE-ESCAPE: INQUIRY AT MAGISTRACY: RIDER BY JURY

INADEQUATE PROVISION OF FIRE-ESCAPES WAS added as a rider by the jury at the Central Court yesterday afternoon when an inquest was held into the death of one of eight persons who lost their lives in a conflagration at No. 466, Queen's Road West in the early morning of November 27.

Evidence revealed that the premises were built in 1901, and, according to a Building Authority witness, had no fire-escape on the floors. The staircase and floors were constructed entirely of wood.

Mr. T. J. Houston sat as Coroner, assisted by a jury comprising Messrs. G. A. Lomaev (foreman), Pun Ping-chung and Wong Man-fel.

The fire occurred at No. 466 Queen's Road West in the early morning of November 27 resulting in eight deaths, including women and children.

Inspector W. Mair and Detective Sergeant R. Macvey, who conducted the investigations, were present for the police.

Medical evidence showed that some of the persons died from fractured skull, consistent with a fall from a height, while others perished by burns.

### FIRST ON SCENE

Sub-Inspector Sze Wai-ming, who was the first police officer on the scene, told the Court that he was on duty from 1 to 8 a.m. on November 27 when he heard police whistle blown. He rushed to the locality and found the premises in flames.

He opened the door of the ground floor of No. 466 Queen's Road West and made attempts to put out the flames. He summoned the Fire Brigade and on his return found the fire had intensified. He then rushed next door and roused the inmates.

Tam Yuk-chi, master of the Kwong Lee Lung grocery shop on the ground floor of the house where the fire originated, said that the inmates of the floor had retired just before midnight. There was no cooking in the kitchen and the main electric switch had been put off. About 1 a.m. he was awakened by shouts of "fire" in the front corner of his shop where a quantity of straw mats had been kept. He gave the alarm and the people rushed out through the back door.

He suffered a loss to property of more than \$1,500.

### RUSHED TO VERANDAH

Wong Mui-lin, principal tenant of the first floor, said that there were altogether 20 persons in her flat. When the first alarm was first heard the inmates rushed up to the second floor verandah and climbed to the balcony next door.

Fu To, principal tenant of the second floor of No. 466, Queen's Road West, said that there were about 28 persons living on the floor.

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## Boy Burns To Death In Cockloft Misadventure Verdict

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned at Kowloon Court yesterday following an inquiry into a nine-year-old boy who was burned to death in the cockloft above the ground floor of No. 13, Pitt Street, on the night of September 30.

Giving evidence, the deceased's mother, Lam Kam, stated that her husband had endeavoured to save the boy after fire broke out following a pot of boiling oil bursting into flame. Her husband rushed up the cockloft, but had to turn back when badly singed by the flame, his hair catching afire.

Mr. G. C. Moss, Deputy Superintendent of the Fire Department, stated, in evidence, that a private individual was allowed by the regulations to keep up to 20 gallons of kerosene on his premises without a licence, and for a quantity of kerosene over 20 gallons a licence was required on terms of which the kerosene would have to be kept in a pit in the yard.

The jury sitting at this inquest comprised Messrs. L. Bones (foreman), E. Eymard, and Woo Woon-kin.

## FIRST EMPIRE CONTINGENT TO JOIN R.N.

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—The Empire's first contingent of men to join the Royal Navy, consisting of nearly 200 fishermen, all bachelors from the Belle Isle, Newfoundland, was given an official welcome at Liverpool.

The men, whose ages range from 18 to 24, are the first of 625 volunteers who will be engaged in mine-sweeping operations.

Some of the men's fathers served in the Army in the last war.

Lord Derby, in the name of the King, welcomed the splendid body of men who had come to help their Empire in her great struggle.

## FINAL SELECTIONS FOR JOCKEY CLUB'S 13TH EXTRA MEETING

BY "LAST QUARTER"

### RACE 1 (2.00 P.M.)

Confusion Bay ..... 1  
Galaxy ..... 2  
Hectic View ..... 3

### RACE 2 (2.30)

Pumpernickel ..... 1  
Brutus ..... 2  
Heinz ..... 3

### RACE 3 (3.00)

Smiling Time ..... 1  
Matador ..... 2  
Gog ..... 3

### RACE 4 (3.30)

King Kong ..... 1  
Ausketeer ..... 2  
Celtic Star ..... 3

### RACE 5 (4.00)

New Star ..... 1  
Potentate ..... 2  
Lancashire Lass ..... 3

### RACE 6 (4.30)

Lancashire Chips ..... 1  
Courting Eve ..... 2  
Baffin Bay ..... 3

### RACE 7 (5.00)

Taxing Master ..... 1  
Dawn Star ..... 2  
Tampa Bay ..... 3

### RACE 8 (5.30)

Night View ..... 1  
Piet Hein ..... 2  
Gold Coin ..... 3

### DAILY DOUBLE

NEW STAR and TAXING MASTER



# CHINA EXPECTED TO WIN IN CHARITY SOCCER CUP MATCH TOMORROW

## South China "A" Meeting Police This Afternoon

BY "PILAT"

The first match in the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup will be played tomorrow at Caroline Hill when IRELAND will be opposed to CHINA, the holders.

China is fielding a strong eleven but it can safely be said that it is not their strongest. As far as the goalkeeper and the full-back positions are concerned the choices are as expected. It is learned Lee Kwok-wai is not turning out and Mak Shiu-hon will play instead.

However, a complete new intermediate line will be on view. Hsu King-sing, who will be seen at centre-half, played for the Federation in the Governor's Cup, but the wing-halves, Lau Che-chan and Lau Chung-sang are receiving their first recognition in a representative game.

The forwards are the same as those who played in the Governor's Cup match except that Lai Shui-wing has been dropped in favour of Cheung Kam-hoi. This should assure of better understanding as Cheung and Hau Ching-to are team-mates.

The Irish team includes only four Senior League players, the rest being drawn from junior League teams.

The back division of Sheehan and Lawton looks quite safe but the same cannot be said of the rest. I doubt if the halves can hold the Chinese even with such a fine player as David Leal as pivot.

The forwards are no doubt good individually, but whether they can combine together as a unit remain to be seen.

### LEAGUE GAMES

As far as can be ascertained there will be three League games this afternoon, the most interesting of which should be the KOWLOON-EASTERN encounter on the former's ground.

Eastern have so far dropped four valuable points and their chances of winning the League are not as bright as at the start of the season. Their display last Saturday was extremely disappointing, to say the least, and, unless they

show great improvement in form, especially among the forwards, they will find it hard going against the Mainlanders who are always a "hard nut" to crack when playing on their own pitch.

Kowloon, in view of their performance last week, is expected to give the same line-up a second trial and I am sure, with a few more games, they can be welded into a more than useful side.

### POLICE CHANCES

SOUTH CHINA "A" will be visiting the POLICE at Boundary Road and, though favoured to win, will have good cause to remember the occasion when they played there last season. Playing under rather adverse conditions (it was raining that day) the champions suffered one of their four defeats to the then lowly-placed Police team.

Though I don't think the Police will repeat their performance, they are always more formidable when playing on their own ground.

### CLUB "SLUMP"

The last game on the programme is that between CLUB and the ROYAL SCOTS on the Club ground. The homesters are having one of their leanest seasons and unless new blood is forthcoming they will find it hard to climb out of the "slump" into which they have fallen.

A Scots' victory is, therefore, indicated.

### FORECAST

Kowloon v. EASTERN.  
Police v. SOUTH CHINA "A".  
Club v. ROYAL SCOTS.  
CHINA v. Ireland.

## SPORTING FIXTURES

### TODAY

HOCKEY.—Caer Clark Cup, C.B.S. v. C.B.A., C.B.S., St. Andrew's v. Hongkong, King's Park, Y.M.C.A. v. Recreio, Y.M.C.A., 3 p.m. Brawn Cup, D.G.S. v. Y.M.C.A., D.G.S., Recreio v. Argonauts, King's Park, C.B.S. v. C.B.A., C.B.S., 4.15 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.—First Division, Police v. South China A, Boundary Street; Kowloon v. Eastern, Kowloon; Club v. Royal Scots, Club, 4 p.m. Second Division A Kit Chee v. South China, Caroline Hill; 5th A.A. v. Eastern, Happy Valley; Club v. 30th R.A., Club, 2.30 p.m. R.A.O.C. v. 8th R.A. Happy Valley 4 p.m. Second Division B, Kwong Wah v. Royal Scots, Boundary Street; Kowloon v. Police, Kowloon; Engineers v. R.A.F., Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.; University v. Signals, Happy Valley, 4 p.m. Third Division South China v. 12th R.A., Caroline Hill; Engineers v. R.A.S.C., Chatham Road, 4 p.m. 24th R.A. v. Kumauons.

## TRAINING GALLOPS

The following times were recorded at the Happy Valley training gallops on Saturday:—

	Distance	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	Last Qr.
Potentate	1/2	32		32
Macquarie River	1/2	29	5.72	28.2
New Star	1/2	35.1	1.06	30.4
Lancashire Lass	1/2	32		32
Night View	1/2	32.2	1.04.1	30.4
Baffin Bay	1/2	31.4	1.00.2	28.3
Tornado Star	1/2	32.2	59.4	27.2
National Pride	1/2	31.3	1.03.1	31.3
Scenic View	1/2	31.3	1.02.2	30.4
Rose Flana	1/2	31		31
Piet Hein	1/2	30	1.08	32
A Grand Time	1/2	33	1.01.1	28.1
Gog	1/2	34.2	1.05.3	31.1
King Kong	1/2	31.2	1.00.4	29.2
Boo!at Bay	1/2	29.2		29.2
Commencement Bay	1/2	36.2	1.00	32.3
Galveston Bay	1/2	31.1	1.01	29.4
Valorous, Georgie	1/2	32		32
Smiling Time	1/2	31.4		31.4
Hectic View	1/2	30.1	59.1	29
King's Envoy	1/2	32		32
A Roaring Time	1/2	27.2		27.2
Salvage Master	1/2	35.1	1.06.4	31.3
Confusion Bay	1/2	31.2	59.3	28.3
Taxing Master	1/2	31.4		31.4
Heddon	1/2	31.4		31.4
Celtic Star	1/2	30.3		30.3
Jennifer	1/2	30.4	1.00.3	29.4
Matador	1/2	31		31
Just In Time	1/2	32.3	1.03.3	31
Schmetterling	1/2	28.2	58.3	28.1
Lancashire Chap	1/2	33.4	1.08.3	32.4

# TWO EXCELLENT ATTRACTIONS IN TOMORROW'S SOFTBALL PROGRAMME OF FOUR MATCHES IN EACH LEAGUE

BY R.O.Y.

## Teams, Draw For R.A. Polo Cup Tourney

### FIRST ROUND ON MONDAY

The following are the teams which are participating in the R.A. Cup Polo tournament with their handics in brackets.

Royal Scots: Capt. Burn (4), Mr. Buchanan (0), Mr. Fergus (0) and Major Godby (2). Total 6.  
Middlesex Regt.: Mr. Fishbourne (0), Mr. Hancock (0), Mr. Chattey (3) and Capt. Chattey (1). Total 4.

Stooges: Major Penfold (2), Mr. Nicholson (1), Capt. Colson (1) and Mr. Smith (1). Total 5.

World's Workers: Mr. Lewis (0), Mr. Bousfield (3), Major Whitehead (4) and Comdr. Peters (0) or Major J. D. Way (0). Total 7.

March Hares: Capt. Duncan (0), Mr. Marshall (3), Mr. Forrester (3) and Lieut. Hennessy (1). Total 7.

Ancients: Major Moody (0), Major Morgan (2), Capt. Wilson (4) and Lieut.-Col. Field (0). Total 6.

Locums: Capt. Atkinson (1), Lieut.-Comdr. de Chair (0), Capt. Hunt (4) and Mr. Rochfort-Boyd (0). Total 5.

### DRAW ANNOUNCED

The draw for tournament resulted as follows:—

First round, Dec. 18—March Hares v. Stooges, Middlesex v. Royal Scots and World's Workers v. Locums.

Second round, Dec. 22—World's Workers v. Locums, March Hares v. Stooges and Middlesex v. Royal Scots. Ancients drew a bye.

The first match will start at 3 p.m., the second at 4 and the third at 4.50.

The Final will be contested on Dec. 27.

## RECREIO'S BRAUN CUP TEAM

The following will play for Club de Recreio in their Braun Cup fixture against the Argonauts at King's Park today, "bully-off" 4.15 p.m.  
C. Silva; T. Gonsalves, M. Ribeiro; M. Xavier, N. M. Osmund, M. Silva; L. Rodrigues, N. Gonsalves, M. Campos, I. Rozario and M. Figueiredo.

## NOMADS' HOCKEY TEAM

The following will represent the Nomads' hockey team against the C.B.A. in a Hockey Tournament Association match at King's Park tomorrow at 11 a.m.—E. A. Alves, H. Soares, R. Xavier; A. Xavier, R. J. Reed, L. Souza; B. Xavier, P. Rull, J. H. Franco, F. O. Reed and R. M. da Silva.

Stanley; Royal Scots v. R.A.M.C. Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.

RACING.—Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.  
RUGBY.—Triangular tournament, Army v. Navy, Sookunpoo, 4 p.m. Club v. Police, Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.

Four matches in each of the Men's and Ladies' Leagues will be played tomorrow, with top-billing going to the Chung Hwa-Recreio Bees clash. Another excellent attraction will be the meeting of the Wildcats and Canadian Chinese girls at Prince Edward Road.

Without any blare of trumpets, the Hong League gets away to a slow start with only two matches, although eight fixtures had originally been scheduled.

### THE OPENER

The Ball Club girls tangle with the Pirates in the opener of the Ladies' programme at 10.00 a.m. on the Prince Edward Road ground, and quite a close struggle should be seen. The Ball Clubbers appear to have got a hold of themselves, registering wins at both

their previous starts, and should managed to take the honours from the Buccaneers, who have a useful, but erratic, bunch of players.

The Wahooks are not likely to be troubled by the Baby Panthers in the second game, although it's about time the latter got a break.

The lowly Cubs mix it with the almost as lowly Cardinals at 1.00 p.m. "Doc" Mothen will be there with bells on; this should be one more game his Redbirds should win.

### THE NIGHTCAP

The nightcap, at 2.30 p.m., will find the Wildcats and Canadian Chinese lassies struggling to stay on top of the heap. Each have a defeat chalked against them and if they are to stay in the pennant race, cannot afford to lose another. I understand that the Canucks are likely to be short-handed for this fracas, so the Wildcats must be sure to take the honours, despite the absence of Coach Nip Lum who will be engaged with the Recreio Bees.

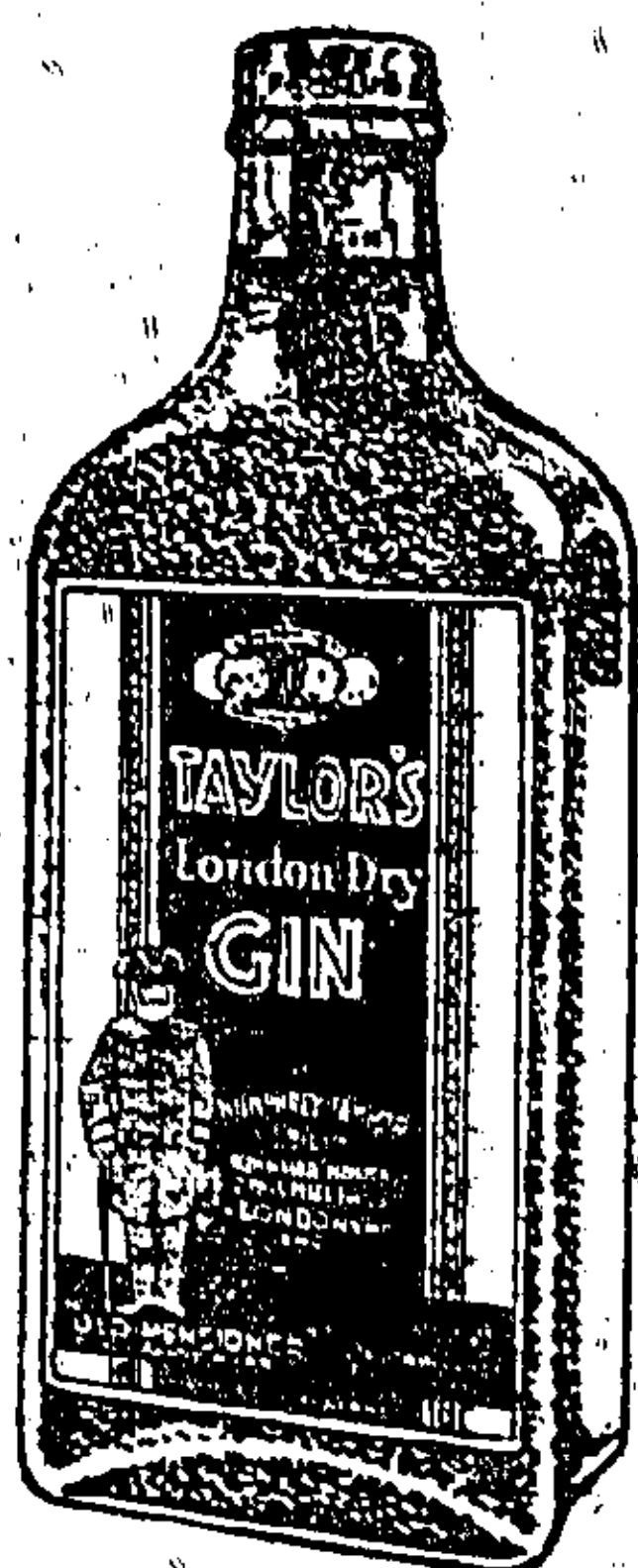
### POSTPONED FIXTURE

The Recreio Aces will play off their postponed fixture with the Victoria Recreation Club at 11.45 a.m., on the home lot. The unbeaten league leaders should make short work of the keen but inexperienced V.R.C. gang.

The "big" game of the day will also be played, on the Recreio

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ground, starting at 2.30 p.m., and will see two well balanced squads, Chung Hwa and Recreio Bees, in opposition.

The Chinese boys have a decided edge in their battery of Tuffy Chinn and Nip Lum, and this advantage should give them victory over their opponents who are their equal in other phases of the game, with the probable exception of experience.

DOUBLE-HEADER  
The Baseballers and the Central Brits take the field in the first of double header on the C.B.A. ground.

Judging from the grand fight the British boys put up against the Recreio juniors, in their previous outing, the hard-ball players are not going to have as easy a time as they think they are.

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## ADVERTISEMENT

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th December, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The first Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock Noon.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Telephone 21920).

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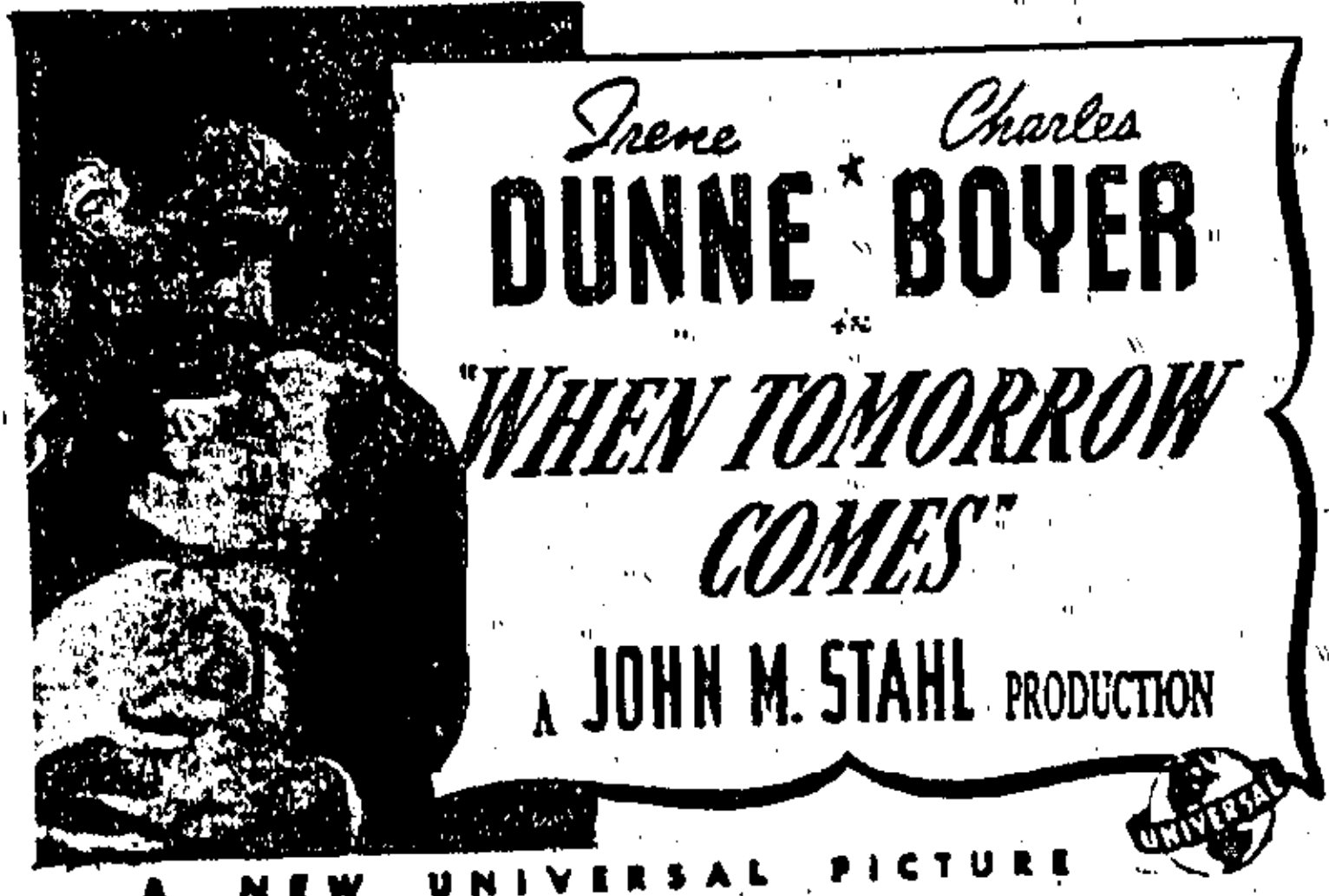
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12.30 Wagner's Tannhauser Overture and Excerpts from his Operas.  
"The Valkyrie"—Ride of the Valkyries; "Lohengrin"—Prelude, Act 3—London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates. "Lohengrin"—The King's Address—Ivar Andersen (Bass) with Orchest. "Tannhauser"—Overture (Wagner)—Beno Molszewitz (Piano).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Dance Music by Victor Silver and His Ballroom Orchestra.  
Quickstep—Could Be; Slow Fox-Trot—Kinda Lonesome (film "St. Louis Blues"); The Veleta; Waltz—St. Bernard Waltz; Slow Fox-Trot—Tears on My Pillow; Sequence Dance—The Park Parade. Quickstep—Something Tells Me; Slow Fox-Trot—I Won't Tell A Soul. Quickstep—Apple Blossom Time.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Light Variety with Gracie Fields, Jesse Crawford, Alleyne and Leonhardt and Others.

Humorous Monologue—The Loch Ness Monster (John Tilley)—John Tilley. Cinema Organ—The Old Spinning Wheel (Hilly); My Wishing Song (Kahal and Burke); Jesse Crawford. Comedienne—Fiddle Joe (London and More); Poor Me, Poor You (Bester and Others)—Gracie Fields with Orchestra. Novelty—Animals On Parade; Macdougall's Farm; Noah's Ark—The Who's Zoo at Whipsnade (Animal Entertainers) with Accorn. Two Planes—Destiny; Waltz—Baynes; Faspasied (Delibes)—Alleyne & Leonhardt.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 Dvorak—Symphony No. 4, in G Major, Op. 88.  
Czech Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Vaclav Talich.

6.38 Selections from Light Opera.  
"The King Steps Out"—Vocal Gems (Kreiser)—Orchestra and Chorus. "Countess Maritza"—Selection (Kallman)—Grand Symphony Orchestra with The Wald (Soprano) and Hans Clemens (Tenor). "The Beggar Student"—Let's Presume (Milkicker)—Margaret Slezak (Soprano) and Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orch.

6.58 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.00 Billy Mayerl (Piano) and His Orchestra.

Three Dances in Syncopation (Mayerl): (a) Harmonica Dance; (b) Cricket Dance; (c) Harmonica Dance—Billy Mayerl (Piano). Heart and Soul (film "A Song Is Born"); Mayfair Merry-Go-Round (film "Kicking the Moon Around")—Billy Mayerl (Piano) and Dorothy Carless (Vocal). Song of the Fire Tree (Mayerl); Sweet William (Mayerl)—Billy Mayerl (Piano). Fox-Trots—Love Was Born (from "Crazy Days"); Stranger In A Cup of Tea (from "Crazy Days")—Billy Mayerl and

His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain. Parade Of The Sandwich-Board Men (Mayerl)—Billy Mayerl (Piano).  
7.30 London Relay—The News.  
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 Ravel—Bolero.  
The Lamoureux Orchestra of Paris conducted by the late Maurice Ravel.  
8.20 Songs by Luigi Fort (Tenor).  
Ay Ay Ay (Perez and Thelre); "Mignon"—Adio. Mignon (Thomas). "Don Pasquale"—Serenata; Soft Beams the Light (Donizetti).  
8.30 London Relay—"Shadow of the Swastika".  
Fourth Episode of the Life of the Nazi Party.  
8.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.  
9.15 London Relay—News Summary.  
9.30 London Sport Results.  
9.32 Sea Shanties by John Goss (Haritone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.  
The Sailor Likes His Bottle-O; Clear The Track. Let The Bullgins Run (arr. Terry). Fire Down Below; Eulabio; "Belay"; Haul Away, Joe; What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor (arr. Terry).  
9.40 B.B.C. Recording—"Playing The Game".  
A Farical Extravaganza by L. du Garde Peach. Music by George Barker. Produced by Charles Brewer.  
10.30 Dance Music.

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### SHORT WAVE

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G.S.B. .... 9.51m. (31.55m.)  
G.S.H. .... 21.47m. (31.97m.)  
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### NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Summary ..... 4.00 p.m.  
Full Bulletin ..... 5.00 p.m.  
Trans. II & III—News Summary ..... 6.45 p.m.  
Full Bulletin ..... 7.15 p.m.  
do ..... 8.15 p.m.  
do ..... 12.00 mid-night  
Transmission V—News Summary ..... 7.30 a.m.  
Full Bulletin ..... 8.30 a.m.

### SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

(All Hongkong Time)  
Mondays—Background to the News, 11.00 p.m.  
Tuesdays—Background to the News, 8.15 a.m.  
In England Now, 11.00 p.m.  
Cards on the Table, 8.00 p.m.  
Wednesdays—In England Now, 8.15 a.m.  
Cards on the Table, 8.15 a.m.  
Matters of Moment, 10.00 p.m.  
Thursdays—Matters of Moment, 8.15 a.m.  
Background to the News, 11.00 p.m.  
Fridays—In England Now, 11.00 p.m.  
Saturdays—In England Now, 8.15 a.m.  
London Log, 11.15 p.m.  
Sundays—London Log, 8.15 a.m.

### COMING EVENTS

DEC.

16—Tides: High 2.26 p.m. and 11.48 p.m. Low 6.59 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.  
Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.  
H.K. Jockey Club's 13th Extra Meeting, 2 p.m.  
Queen's Theatre: "No! No! Nanette"—8.30 p.m.  
National Women's Relief Assn. Charity Bazaar, Causeway Bay Chinese Recreation Club, 10 a.m.—10 p.m.  
St. Stephen's Girls' College: Sale of Work in aid of War relief and local charities, 11 p.m.  
Y.M.C.A.: A.D.C. Rehearsal, 8.30 p.m.  
Exhibition by Erns Freedlander, St. Andrew's Hall, 9 a.m.—6 p.m.  
Choral Recital at Hop Yat Church, 8.30 p.m.  
"Family Show" at Chinese Y.W. C.A., 8.15 p.m.  
Rugby: Triangular Tournament. Children's Christmas Party, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, 2.30 p.m.  
R.E.W.O.'s and Serg's Meet: Whist Drive and Dance, 8.30 p.m.  
Wedding at I.R.C. Arcull-Hamet, 5 p.m.

17—Tides: High 3.15 p.m.; Low 7.40 a.m. and 6.35 p.m.  
Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.  
A.R.P. Exercises, 9 a.m.  
H.K.R.A. Shoot, 9 a.m.  
Golf—Club Championship Final. Exhibition by Erns Freedlander, St. Andrew's Hall, 1 p.m.—6 p.m.  
Macao College: Physical Education: Weight-Lifting Competition, 2.30 p.m.  
Caroline Hill: Int'l Charity Soccer, 3.30 p.m.  
Softball League.  
St. Andrew's Church: Choral Recital.  
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group: Prof. Forster on "Why Britain is at War", 9 p.m.  
Crown Land Sales, P.W.D., 3 p.m.  
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.  
Speaker—Prof. Forster on "Why Britain is at War".  
National Women's Relief Assn. Charity Bazaar, Causeway Bay Chinese Recreation Club, 10 a.m.—10 p.m.  
K.C.C. Cricket: Match between teams of 45 of H.K.C.C. and K.C.C., 1 p.m.

18—Claims against estate of Thomas Meek and Edward Tucker due. Cheo Club, Gala Christmas Dance, 8.30 p.m.  
Sandakan Light and Power Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., Bank of East Asia Bldg., 12 noon.  
H.K. Yorkshiremen's Society, Annual Meeting, H.K. Hotel, 5.45 p.m.  
Busy Bees Working Party—Final Bridge and Mahjongg Drive, Cathedral Hall, 3 p.m.  
Y.M.C.A.: War Work, 10 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 7 p.m.; Flag Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.  
St. Andrew's Vicarage: Meeting to form Winter Food Relief Committee, 6 p.m.  
First Aid Examination: St. John's Ambulance Brigade Hqs., 6 p.m.  
R.A.C. Cup Fols, 3.30 p.m.  
Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company (Novices) Boxing Meet, 7.30 p.m.  
H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.  
Anti-Aircraft Practice by 3rd Battery, H.K.V.D.C., at Aberdeen Island, 11 a.m.

20—H.K.R.A. Rifle Shoot, 1.45 p.m.  
Peak School Prize Day, 5.15 p.m.  
Second and Third Rounds of Ladies Tennis Championships due to be completed.  
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 5 p.m.  
Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company (Novices) Boxing Meet, 7.30 p.m.  
Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute: Invitation Christmas Gala Dance, 8.30 p.m.  
Christmas Concert, St. Andrew's, 8.30 p.m.  
Law: Bowls: H.E.'s Team vs Talkoo Club, Govt. House, 3.15 p.m.  
21—Launching at Kowloon Docks, 5 p.m.  
St. Andrew's Club Carnival Dance, 9 p.m.  
Cheero Club Christmas Dinner, 7.30 p.m.  
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m.  
Schools' Physical Training Competition, K.F.C., 9 a.m.  
Y.M.C.A. Games morning, 10 a.m.  
Kowloon Tong Garden City Assn. Draw for debentures, 6 p.m.  
S. and S. Home: Servicemen's X'Mas Party, 7.30 p.m.  
22—Sino-British Cultural Assn. Mtg. Speaker: Mr. J. E. Witham "China's Tea Trade".  
China Light and Power Co., Ltd. Annual Mtg., 12 noon.  
Claims against enemy firms (Vincez Singer and Wilhelm Maier and Co.) Schools' Physical Training Competition, H.K.F.C., 9 a.m.; Final at 11.30 a.m.  
Children's Fancy Dress Party, Peninsula Hotel, 4 p.m.—6.30 p.m.  
H.K. University Congregation, Great Hall, 5.30 p.m.  
St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs' Christmas Party, 5 p.m.

23—Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m.  
H.E. and Lady Northcote leave for Fanling Lodge.  
24—Christmas Eve.  
St. Andrew's Church: Carol Service, 6.15 p.m.  
25—Christmas Day.  
St. Andrew's Church: Festival Service, 11 a.m.  
International Soccer.  
26—Boxing Day.  
R.E.O.C.A. "Fancy Dress" Dance, Peninsula Hotel.  
Fanling Hunt and Race Club Meeting at Ewanth.  
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.  
H.K.C.C.C.—Prize-Giving & Children's Sports, 4 p.m.  
29—China Light & Power Recreation Club Dance, 9 p.m.  
30—Claims against estate of Leung Chan Tak Yan due.  
31—New Year's Eve.  
St. Andrew's Church: Old Year's Day Services.  
Football Shield, First Round.  
Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m.  
Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr. Percy Chen "The Rebirth of Nations".

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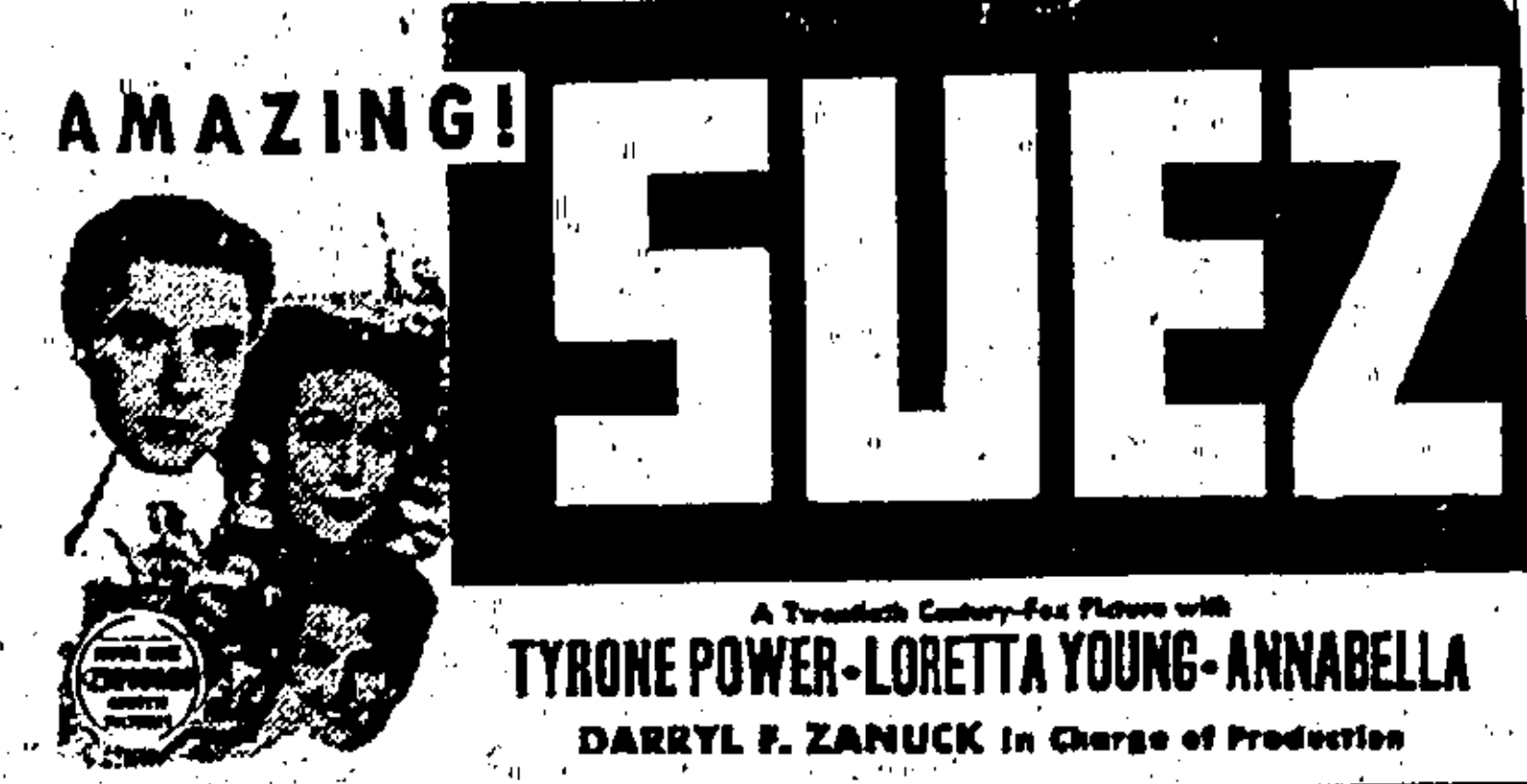
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# INDIA'S GENEROSITY TO BRITISH CAUSE DESPITE COMMUNAL DISPUTES

LONDON, Dec. 15 (BWS).—In a statement yesterday in the House of Lords, the Secretary for India, Marquis of Zetland, said that the Indian Princes and peoples continued to express their "detestation of the crimes perpetrated by Nazi Germany against all the laws of God and man" and instanced the Viceroy's Fund, which totalled £475,000, for which no appeal had been made.

Further examples were gifts from the Maharaja of Gondal and the Nawab of Rampur, the former having allocated £7,500 for the dependents of those lost in the Royal Oak and the latter had given 1,000,000 rupees for motor ambulances.

## ANOTHER EXAMPLE

For the benefit of German propagandists, who spent their time explaining the plight of the Indian people, the Marquis of Zetland said he would like to add a single other example of generosity.

"In one district in the Punjab, with few wealthy people among the residents, the Governor was recently handed a wholly unsolicited gift of 17,000

rupees, all in currency notes, to aid in overthrowing Nazi Germany."

Neither was assistance limited to money gifts. Among the martial races there had been a spontaneous and eager desire to enlist in the forces.

## POLITICAL DISPUTE

Turning to the political field, the Marquis of Zetland regretted to say that difficulties persisted. While in the Punjab, Bengal and Sind the Governments' Legislatures were successfully functioning and in Assam an alternative Government had accepted office. In seven other provinces, which had Congress Ministries, the administration had been taken over by the Governors.

Although the transition was effected smoothly and, broadly speaking, the policies were assisted by the Legislatures before the resignations being carried out, the transfer was contrary to the desire of the British Government and had put back the hands of the clock 30 years.

The Marquis of Zetland dealt with the latest Congress statement and said that the Government could not agree that no communal differences arose in meeting Congress demands.

## MAIN DIFFICULTY

He pointed out that no constitution could be expected to function successfully unless met by the assent of the minorities. The main difficulty was still the differences of opinion between the Congress and the Moslem League.

Although a numerical minority, there between eighty and ninety millions affected.

The Marquis of Zetland appealed to the leaders of both sides to call a truce and said he had derived some little encouragement from the report that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mr. Jinnah had arranged for a further discussion, which, he hoped, would cover a wide field.

In conclusion, the Marquis of Zetland said that the internal difficulties did not lessen the abhorrence with which Indian creeds and communities viewed the Nazi system.

## GROTESQUE IDEA

German propaganda suggested that India should look to Nazi Germany for freedom.

"The conception of Herr Hitler as the liberator is so grotesque as to bring a smile to the face of anyone, except possibly a German. If Herr Hitler and his associates imagine they may look for aid from India, they are heading for one of the greatest disillusionments of their lives," concluded the Marquis.

# STRONG U.S. SYMPATHY FOR ALLIES

## AGGRESSION AND NAZIISM MUST NOT TRIUMPH

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, said yesterday that the people of the United States wish to resort to all possible means, short of war, to prevent the triumph of Nazism and aggression in Finland, Austria and the Balkans.

He expressed sympathy for the Allies and said that the British Navy is now making the economic war against Germany effective. May God help them to make it completely successful.

ANTI-NAZI RALLY  
Mr. Green was addressing an Anti-Nazi Rally in Madison Square Garden and the other speakers included Governor Lehman and ex-President Herbert Hoover.

## Solution No. 437

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# CONTINUED SOVIET AID FOR CHINA

## POLICY REMAINS UNCHANGED

KUNMING, Dec. 15 (Central).—Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, who arrived here from Rangoon by plane yesterday following an extensive tour in Europe, told the Press that British, French and Soviet sympathy with China is daily increasing.

## MATERIAL ASSISTANCE

Soviet material assistance to China will be continued, and the Soviet policy towards China will remain unchanged, he said.

In his opinion Japan's hopes to bring about a rapprochement with the Soviet Union will not likely materialize.

## NO PACT WITH JAPAN

Dr. Sun said that most observers in Europe think it unlikely that the United States will conclude a new trade pact with Japan.

They believe that China will emerge victorious from the present war. Official quarters in London maintain that China has already achieved successes in the two years' hostilities.

# ONLY ONE SURVIVOR

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—No list of the casualties on board the destroyer H.M.S. Duchess, which collided with another warship yesterday, has yet been issued.

The sole surviving officer is Probationary Lieutenant J.R. Pritchard, R.N.V.R.

# HUNAN DAILY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR GLIDERS

HENGYANG, HUNAN, Dec. 15 (Central).—Following the example of the Chungking Ta Kung Pao, the Ta Kang Pao, a Chinese daily in Hengyang, Hunan, is raising funds for the purchase of gliders to be donated to the Government.

Donations sufficient for buying three gliders have already been obtained.

The glider movement is intended to make the Chinese air-minded.

# ANNIVERSARY OF PUPPET GOVERNMENT IN PEIPING FALLS FLAT

## Rationing In Japan

## MOVE TO OVERCOME HOARDING

TOKYO, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Influential members of the Government favour consideration of the ticket rationing system for principal daily necessities, according to the Asahi today.

This move, the newspaper says, is being considered for adjusting supply and demand and to overcome the hoarding of rice, coal, charcoal, sugar and other commodities.

# PUPPET MAYOR OF SHANGHAI IN DISGRACE

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Alleged to have fallen into disgrace with the Japanese authorities, Mayor Fu Siao-en, of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai, is shortly resigning and is being succeeded by his Secretary-General, So Hsi-wen, says a Chinese report.

## IN PEIPING TOO

PEIPING, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The Chinese and Japanese authorities in Peiping are considering detailed measures for putting into effect a rationing system for rice, states the Hsin Min Po.

It is planned that each Chinese household will receive a fixed amount of rice for a certain period. Details are not yet available.

# BRITISH CONVOYS FOR NEUTRALS

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill, in a written reply in the House of Commons, said: "Protection of our convoy system is available on certain conditions to neutrals and I believe their losses would be reduced if they accepted this protection more often."

"The Admiralty have taken, and will continue to take, all possible steps to encourage neutral shipping engaged in trade with, or for, the Allies to participate in British convoys."

## NO ENTHUSIASM AMONG CHINESE

PEIPING, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Despite intense propaganda, the granting of a public holiday, streets decorated and organised public meetings, the Second Anniversary of the installation of the Peiping Provisional Government apparently failed to elicit any enthusiasm among the Chinese public.

## WANG'S ABSENCE

The celebrations coincided with the arrival of the Nanking delegates to attend the "United Council" meeting to discuss the position of North China in the proposed new "Central Government" but owing to the absence of Wang Ching-wei it is considered of little political importance.

## ENVOY'S STATEMENT

The Japanese Ambassador at Large, Mr. Kato in an interview, stated that his visit was merely a routine inspection and emphasised that the present situation, involving the restriction of foreign interests, would be changed after the conclusion of peace.

# SOVIET EXPELLED FROM LEAGUE

GENEVA, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Russia has been expelled from the League of Nations.

Egypt and China were elected members of the League of Nations Council.

# GERMAN CLAIMS DISPROVED

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The South African press reveal that the aircraft-carrier Ark Royal and the battle-cruiser Renown recently visited Cape Town, thus giving the lie to the Zeesen announcements that the Ark Royal had been sunk.

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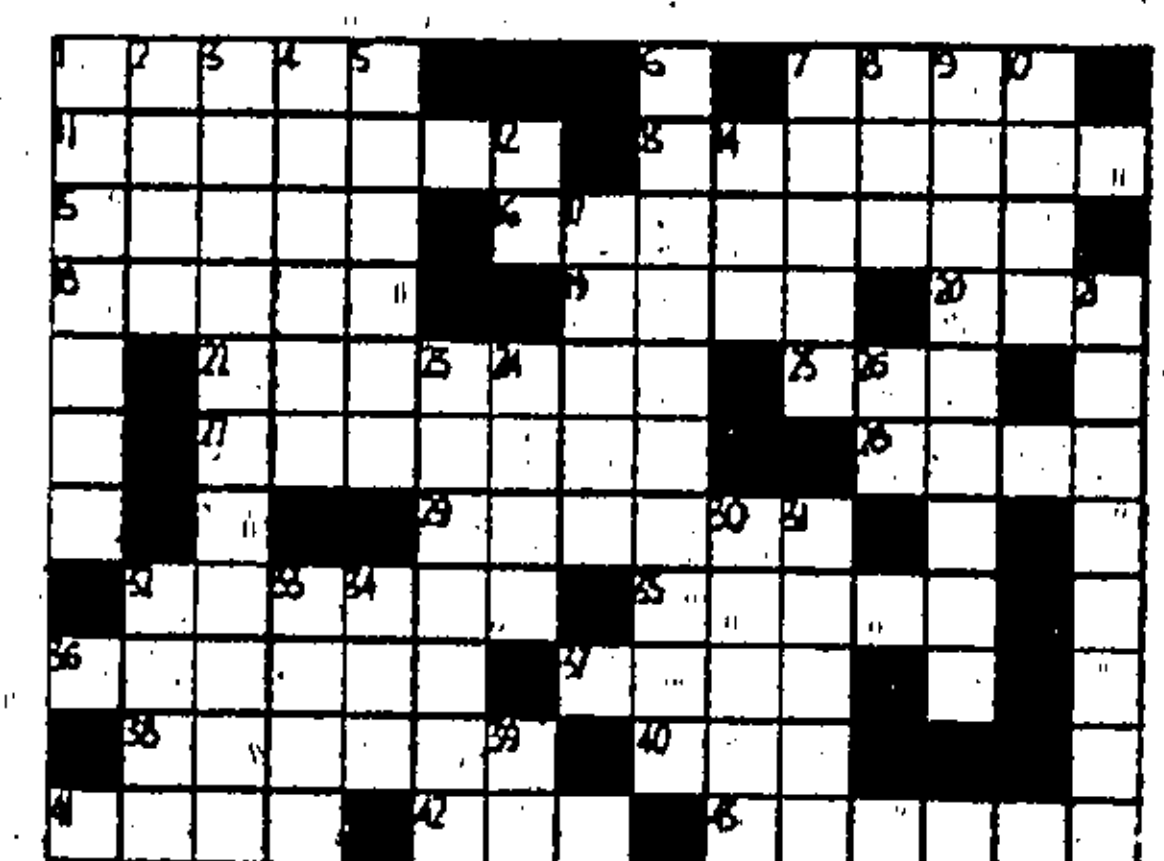
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- A racket or a patch
- The sort of make-up that made our ancestors blue
- Not in, just—the Silent Service is there
- Sluggishness
- How times have changed in cheeses
- So 1st in a decoration, out of date
- Four-ale well mixed and full of life
- You may get cold shoulder if you put these on
- Piece of metal
- Without a doubt
- Such an actor might go down better if rather
- There's bit of ruthlessness in this fib
- These resorts are hardly intelligent in a reverse
- Not visible
- Feasts can thus be made most secure
- Elevate
- Got at in pent, it's obvious
- Round flat
- Put right, not defunct males
- This thing is worrying business for the baby
- Would officers be annoyed to find it in this
- A portion—or a mere speck
- Played on baskin's bass

## CLUES DOWN

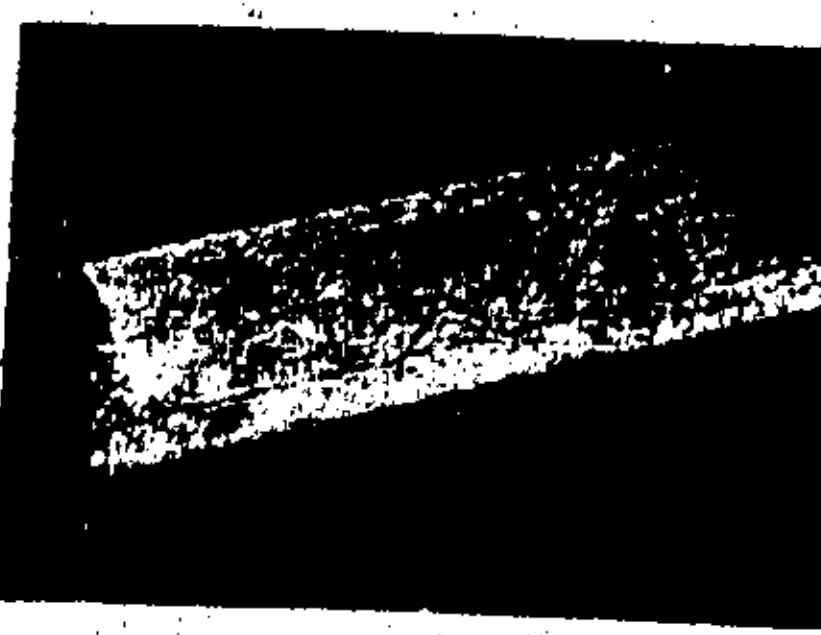
- The fair sex finished with drinks!
- To scold a fibber on his head
- Speaks distinctly
- Odd—you get the lady in it either way
- A waste to visit with bucket and spade?
- Cut off, where there's a will, of course
- Cardiff's Caerdydd in it
- Miner would get more if he added 1,000 to it
- Fat met Ted (anagram)
- A plan for eating
- Sounds like a couple, and it isn't too
- Sing about this is sleepers music
- Gentles and worms
- Replied from news read
- Relied on, though almost entirely corroded
- Relatively speaking, the end of a jaunt
- Half of 28 across
- Slackened
- More pleasant than a Riviera resort?
- 28 down goes backwards before me, as before
- No uphill climbs if you live in these
- The beginning is one
- The same again, in short

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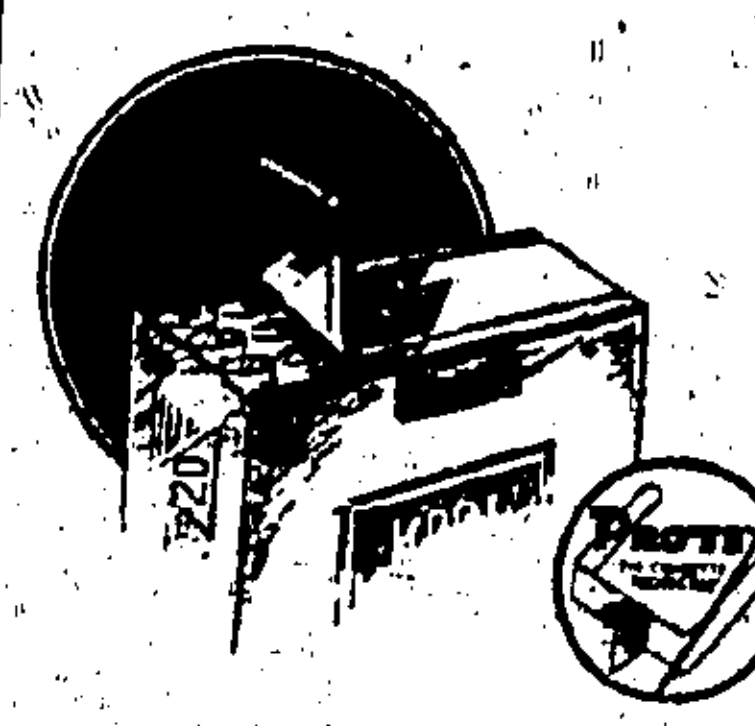
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## \$1,000 CLAIM AGAINST CABARET PROPRIETOR: DEFENDANT TESTIFIES

In the Summary Court yesterday, before Mr. Justice B. E. Lindsell a claim for \$1,000 was brought by Daniel Lee against R. Woodcraft, proprietor of the defunct Coconut Grove cabaret, West Point, and Tai Tung-kee.

The money was due, plaintiff alleges, under a written undertaking made and given by the defendants dated May 9, 1938.

Particulars of the claim are: Passage to Singapore for plaintiff and wife, \$370; cash for expenses on board, \$100; daily expenses at \$4 per day from May 30 to October 30, 1938, \$612. Plaintiff waives the sum of \$82 in order to bring the action within the jurisdiction of the Summary Court.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios, while Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the defence.

Defendant, in evidence, said that he was at present operating the Rex Cabaret. He first met plaintiff, who was partner with second defendant of the Kwong Chau ballroom, in March last, and a proposition was made to him in connection with the business.

### FIFTY-FIFTY BASIS

First asked for a loan of \$5,000 for the business, witness said he and second defendant eventually arranged to carry on the business on a fifty-fifty basis, plaintiff to therefrom.

Witness said he asked for a list of the debts of the business, which amounted to \$4,500. He believed plaintiff when he said the debts were that figure.

Subsequent to that, the undertaking mentioned was entered into. One of the terms of the undertaking, said witness, was that plaintiff should attend to all claims and legal proceedings in connection with the debts, as he was the only person who knew anything about them.

If it had been disclosed to him at the time the agreement was made that the debts were substantially more than \$4,500, said witness, he would not have entered into the agreement.

The hearing was then adjourned. A counter-claim has been filed.

The marriages took place yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court, before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar, of Mr. Kan Ping-hung, merchant, of No. 23, Wellington Street, and Miss Fung Wing-fong, of No. 24, Stanley Street, and Mr. Ng Po-sum, clerk of the Medical Department, and Miss To Pui-kul, of No. 53, Yu Chau Street.

## HITLER PREDICTED OWN FALL

The most effective indictment of Hitler and his philosophy is expressible in his own words.

In "Fifty Facts About Hitler," a vest-pocket booklet issued by the War Facts Press, price 3d, telling quotations are made from "Mein Kampf" and from the German Chancellor's speeches.

A curiously prophetic example from "Mein Kampf" is: The fact of forming an alliance with Russia would be the signal for a new war. And the result of that would be the end of Germany.

The writer of the booklet points out that even this grim foreboding was a little wide of the mark. "It is the end of Hitlerism, not of Germany, that is at hand."

## BURIED DOLL IN PLACE OF BABY

A doctor's action in putting into a coffin a doll instead of the child's body was described by the coroner as "absolutely irregular" at the inquest on a two-weeks-old child at Narborough, Leicester-shire.

The body was discovered at Syston, Leicestershire, three weeks ago, and Scotland Yard officers were called in.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the pathologist, told the coroner, Mr. G. E. Bouskell, that some of the remains were preserved.

The child's father said Dr. Albert Lovell told him that he would see to the burial.

Evidence was given by Dr. Theo Zebulun Lovell, of Leicester, brother of Dr. Albert Lovell. He said he intended to make a post mortem, but stress of work prevented it. He put the doll in the coffin for sentimental reasons. His daughter died in similar circumstances a year before.

## PETITION BY TAXI COMPANIES REFUSED

The Government has refused the recent petition of local taxi companies seeking permission to increase the present fares. It was reliably learned yesterday.

Owing to the higher petrol duties, the taxi operators recently decided to ask for official sanction to raise fares from 40 cents per mile to 50 cents, and proportionate increase for smaller taxis in Kowloon.

The official attitude, it is learned, is that the higher cost of fuel is not sufficient to justify such fare increases as desired by the companies, which may make further representations in the near future.

## A Feat Of Chinese Engineering

### THE MOTOR ROAD FROM BURMA

Mr. F. Burton Leach, late Chief Secretary to the Government of Burma, lectured to the East India Association and the Royal Central Asian Society on "Burma and her Land Communications." Sir Hugh Stephenson, late Governor of Burma, was in the chair.

Mr. Leach devoted his attention mainly to the recent construction of the motor road from the Yangtze Valley to the Burma frontier.

Last December, he said, the American Ambassador to China motored the whole distance from Chungking to Rangoon, about 2,000 miles, in 13 days—an average of 150 miles a day—which was sufficient to prove that the road was quite fit for traffic. The most difficult part of the work of construction was the last 350 miles from Hsialkwan to the Burmese frontier.

No one who knew anything of that tangled mass of precipitous mountains, cleft by gigantic torrents and the upper waters of mighty rivers, could fail to be amazed at the engineering feat which had been accomplished, almost without mechanical appliances, by human labour working against time, when the country was in the throes of a disastrous war.

It could only have been accomplished by the men who built the Great Wall of China.

### LINKING UP BY RAIL

Mr. W. C. Chen, Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy, said that the Chinese Government had deemed it of vital importance to construct the road as soon as possible, and also to build a light railway along the route, so that it could be used in all seasons of the year. Urgency arose from the pressing need for munitions and other supplies.

The lecturer had pointed out that the Burma Railway to Lashio was some 80 miles distant from the proposed railhead on the Chinese side of the frontier. If the Burma Government was not inclined to complete the link China would like to be allowed to do so.

From the tourist point of view, the through railway would open up a country like Switzerland for beauty.—The Times.

## AIR VICE-MARSHAL GIVES UP RANK

An air vice-marshal and three air commodores on the R. A. F. retired list who knew how to fly before the last war have, at their own request, relinquished their ranks "while re-employed with the Air Force," and have been granted the rank of group captain.

Their names, announced in the London Gazette, are: Air Vice-Marshal Reginald Percy Mills, M.C., A.F.C.; Air Commodore Thomas Charles Reginald Higgins; Air Commodore Andrew George Board, D.S.O.; and Air Commodore Francis Knox-Haskins, D.S.C.



Lieut.-Commander J. Mowlan, R.N., of H.M.S. Thanet, with his bride, formerly Miss G. F. E. Rice, after their wedding at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon. (King's Studio).

## VOLUNTEER ORDERS

ORDERS BY LT.-COL. H. B. ROSE, M.C., COMMANDANT, HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

### OBITUARY

The Commandant regrets to announce the following deaths:—Pte. E. Tucker, Stanley Platoon, on 23/11/39; Pte. Pang Chak Sang, No. 7 Company, on 10/12/39.

### HOLIDAYS

Corps Headquarters will be closed during the Christmas Holidays from 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23 to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

### PARADES

#### 1st Battery

Dec. 19 (1) Those detailed. Belchers, 5.30 p.m. D.R.F. Dress—Overalls and caps. (2) Remainder. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Arms drill. Dress—Overalls, caps, belts and frogs.

#### 5th Battery

Dec. 18 H.Q. 5.15 p.m. All Officers and N.C.O.'s. Dress—Muti.

#### Field Company Engineers

Dec. 18 K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Musketry and drill. Last day for Camp pay.

#### Corps Signals

Dec. 18 H.Q. 5.15 p.m. All detachments. Signal training.

#### Mobile Column

Armoured Car Platoon: Dec. 18 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All Classes, M.G. instruction.

#### Motor Machine Gun Platoon

Dec. 18 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. instruction. A Class, Instruments, B Class, T.O.E.G.D. C Class, Stripping and assembling. N.C.O.'s Cadre under Sgt. Cash.

#### No. 1 Company

No. 1 and 2 Platoon: Dec. 19 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. As company programme.

No. 4 (Troop) Platoon: Dec. 19 and 22 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. training.

#### No. 2 Company

Dec. 20 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. B. Class. M.G. training. Stoppages.

#### No. 3 Company

Dec. 17 Peak Range, Musketry. Those detailed parade at H.Q. at 8.30 a.m. Dress—Optional.

#### No. 4 Company

Dec. 17 Stonecutters. Rifle Table B. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.15 a.m. calling at Kowloon Police Pier at 8.30 a.m. Dress—Optional, but equipment must be taken. Range Officer—2/Lt. D. E. Davis. Dec. 18 and 20 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed.

#### No. 5 Company

Dec. 19 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Class A. Part 1 A.M.G.C. Class B. Fire orders including indication and recognition of targets. Class C. E. G.D.

#### No. 6 Company

Dec. 19 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Arms drill.

#### No. 7 Company

Dec. 18 H.Q. 5.45 p.m. L.G.F. training. No. 1 Platoon. Rifle training. No. 2 Platoon. As per Company schedule.

#### Army Service Corps Company

Dec. 17 R.A.S.C. Camber, 9.30 a.m. Transport Section—those detailed. Driving instruction.

Learners: Dec. 18 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s parade. Dec. 19 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade.

All members are required to attend for fitting Box respirators, greatcoat issue, etc. Dress—optional.

#### Field Ambulance

Dec. 20 Murray parade ground, 5.30 p.m. Dress—Uniform as for last Wednesday.

#### Pay Section

Those detailed.

S. N. Thursby, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

### NOTICE

#### Officers' Lending Library

The Officers' Lending Library closed at the Educational Training Centre, Wellington Barracks, at 12 noon on Dec. 8, 1939, and re-opened at Scandal Point Hall at 9 a.m. on Dec. 9, 1939. Scandal Point Hall is opposite the entrance to China Command H.Q.

#### AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

1. Lecture: The next lecture in First Aid will be held on Friday, Dec. 22, in the St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m.

2. Practical Bandaging Classes: Practical Bandaging Classes will be held on Monday, Dec. 18, at 10.30 a.m. at Vol. H.Q. and 5.30 p.m. at No. 13 Leighton Hill. Transport for the evening class will leave H.Q. at 5.15 p.m.

3. Leave: Miss V. M. Witchell, 15/12/39—1/1/40.

4. Strength-Decrease: Mrs. S. Potts and Miss I. Woolley, 14/12/39.

(Sgd.) MRS. I. M. S. BRAUDE, Assistant Comdt., Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

## MEN WHO WILL NOT BE CALLED UP

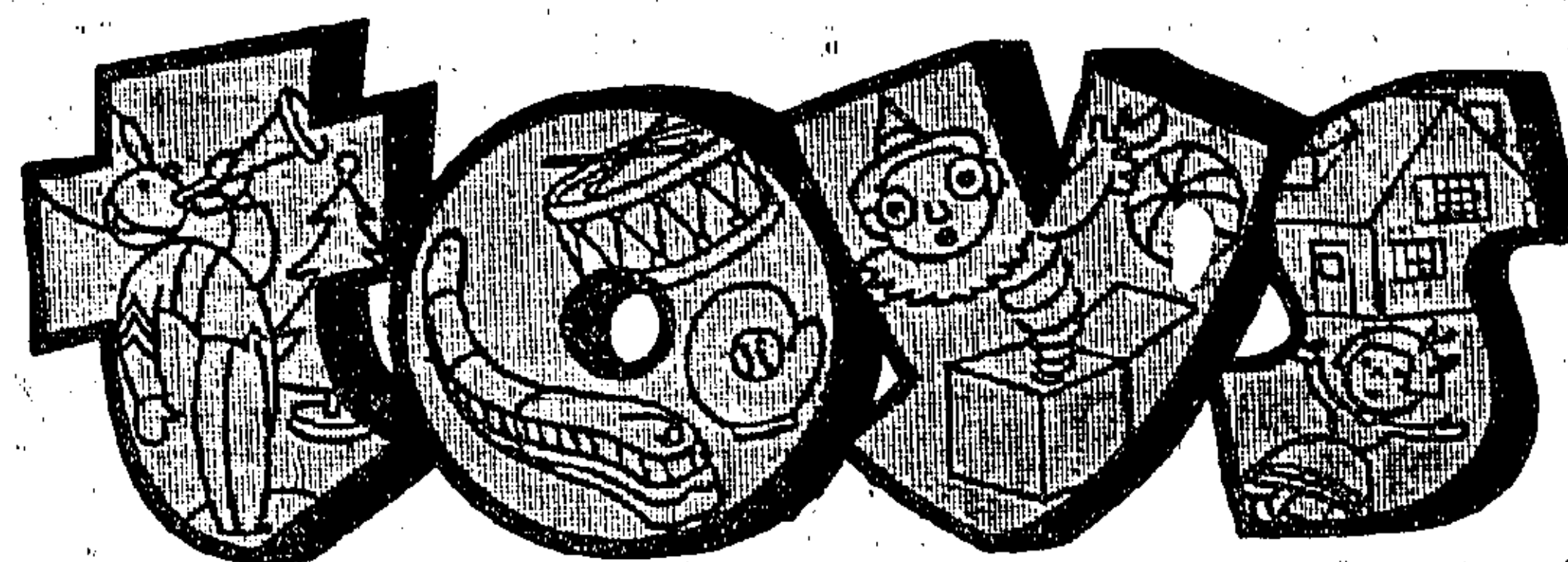
The following amended list of reserved occupations in which the age of reservation is now 18 was issued recently:

Constructional fitter and erector (general hand); ship's plater (general hand); riveter (hand); ship-riveter (machine); ship-rigger (shipyard); seaplane float builder; boiler fitter or mounter; boiler pipe or tube fitter or expander; aluminium (general hand); moulder, non-ferrous metals other than brass and aluminium (general hand);

Sheet metal worker (vehicle and aircraft); machine tool fitter, erector; tool-maker (not press tool); jog and gauge maker; turner; tool-room turner, tool and gauge turner; machine tool turner; assembler, aircraft (wood); wood-work erector (aircraft); inspector, tester (aircraft body work).

The effect of these decisions is that no man from the occupations mentioned will be called up for service with the Forces.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that ALVENA LAHOVETSKY, L.T.C.L., of 233 Nathan Road, Kowloon, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

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Woman Found  
Hanged By  
Strap

JURY'S VERDICT  
AT INQUEST

An inquest was held at Kowloon Court before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen yesterday into the death of Chang Oi, 26 married woman, who hanged herself at No. 173, Lai Chi Kok Road, ground floor, on November 21.

The discovery was reported to the police by the husband of the deceased, Lam Chung, who said she awoke in the middle of the night to find his wife hanging by the rear part of the bed by a strap that was used to support her baby on her back.

RENT TROUBLE

"They had been married seven years and had a son. Their only trouble was rent, and they owed more than a month's rent to the principal tenant. Witness was an unlicensed hawk and earned about 60 or 70 cents a day.

The jury comprised Messrs. H. G. J. McNeary (foreman), T. E. McMillan and J. N. Murray.

A verdict of death by suicide was returned.

FIRE INQUIRY  
VERDICT

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Mr. E. Greenwood, Assistant Station Officer of the Fire Brigade, testified that five persons jumped from the windows at the rear of the house.

BUILT IN 1901

Mr. J. Hempsey, of the Building Authority, testified that the tenement house was built in 1901, and was approved by the authorities then. The premises were extensively altered in 1920. He submitted to the Court a "most up-to-date" plan of the house which was made in 1920. He said that there was no fire-escape on the floors and the staircase and floor were entirely built of wood.

Regarding the partition between balconies, he said that the authorities allowed such divisions constructed not more than three-and-a-half feet in height. Permits would not be granted if tenants or landlords wanted to build them higher than the height specified.

Following a brief retirement, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death and added a rider pointing out the inadequate provision of fire-escapes in tenement houses of this type.

Stanley Ernest Boon, aged 28, a private in the 2nd Bn. the North Staffordshire Regiment, was executed at Wandsworth Prison for the murder of Mabel Maud Bundy, aged 42, at Hindhead. Private Arthur John Smith, of the same regiment, was convicted with Boon, and was also executed.

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RICE

PERHAPS the most notable development in the Far East since the commencement of the war in Europe has been the increase in the price of rice, the staple food of hundreds of millions of people who live so close to the minimum of subsistence that the slightest fluctuation in its value leads to grave social consequences.

FORTUNATELY for China's resistance, crops within the country have been good and the situation in the interior is little changed from what it has been during the past two years. In Japan, the situation is far different. The failure of the Korean crop has seriously upset the food situation within the Mikado's empire, causing an abrupt rise of almost 30 per cent in the price of the staple. Production in Japan proper has also suffered, and not for climatic reasons alone. The effort of keeping one and a half million men constantly under arms has involved, above all, a drain on the agricultural man-power of the nation. Attempts to transplant to the land hundreds of thousands of textile workers thrown out of employment by the partial closing of the Osaka mills have ended in failure, chiefly through the resistance of the workers themselves. The fact that the increased rice price came almost simultaneously with a decrease in the level of wages has added further to the discontent, and feeling against the continuance of the war in China, rightly regarded as the source of all the trouble, is constantly on the increase. In 1919, Japan was, in contrast to today, riding high on the wave of prosperity resulting from the acquisition of markets formerly occupied by the belligerents in the first World War. Yet the increase in agricultural prices brought on the famous rice riots, to quell which six divisions of troops were brought into the capital.

THE SITUATION in Japan is paralleled by that in the occupied areas, although there does not seem to be a direct economic connection between the two. In Shanghai, vicious profiteering has lifted rice out of the reach of the average wage-earner, and serious strikes have resulted. The Municipal Council of the International Settlement is fighting hard to keep food prices down, but the measures so far taken have not been particularly effective, and the speculative rise, with its attendant social consequences, goes on.

IN THE BRITISH COLONIES of Eastern Asia, a rise has also taken place, although the problem of legislative control has been more thoroughly and effectively tackled. Locally, the rise has averaged 12 per cent. In Singapore, an early tendency to profiteering caused an increase which, as elsewhere, coincided with a growth of strike activity especially among Chinese workers. Within the past few weeks, according to the "Malaya Tribune," 1,500 saw-mill operatives struck in Singapore with a demand of 40 per cent more pay, 500 foundrymen walked out in Ipoh, and the coal mine workers of Batu Arang have taken similar action, asking for a 50 per cent increase. In each case, there were clashes with the police, and the miners have been ordered to return to work by Government which

SIR ROBERT  
HO TUNG'S  
OFFER TO  
BRITAIN

EXCERPTS FROM  
CORRESPONDENCE

The following excerpts from letters addressed to Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., LL.D., by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Governor of Hongkong are published for general information:—

Treasury Chambers.

S. W. Whitehall,

November 18, 1939.

Dear Sir Robert.—The Secretary of State for the Colonies has informed me that you have offered to lend to His Majesty's Government the sum of £10,000, free of interest, for a period of two years. I should like to take this opportunity to convey to you my sincere thanks for this generous offer, which I gratefully accept on behalf of His Majesty's Government. I warmly appreciate the spirit which prompted you to make it.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) JOHN SIMON

Sir Robert Ho Tung,  
H.E.'s LETTER  
Government House,  
Hongkong,  
December 11, 1939.

My dear Sir Robert,  
It gives me great pleasure to forward to you this letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer which acknowledges and accepts the loan which you have generously offered to His Majesty's Government.

Sir John Simon has asked whether there would be any objection to the publication of that offer and its acceptance. I trust that you see none and that you will concur with my publication. Simultaneously in London and here.

If the procedure suggested in the second paragraph of Sir John Simon's letter meets your convenience, I shall be obliged if it may be followed.

I take this opportunity of expressing my personal appreciation of your public-spirited offer of the use of two Royal Navy ships for the period of the war. This, as you are aware, is under the active consideration of the Naval Authorities at the present time.

(Yours sincerely)

(Sd.) G. A. S. NORTHCOTE

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., J.P.

IDENTIFYING  
AIRCRAFT

To familiarize British gunners and observers with the appearance of various types of aircraft a series of demonstrations has been arranged on the East Coast.

A succession of British aircraft—bomber, fighter, and reconnaissance—flies overhead, each giving a five minutes' display at different heights. Members of the Observer Corps and anti-aircraft gunners watch from the shore, and naval officers and gunners from a moored boat.

Officers of the Royal Air Force act as instructors. They distribute among the gunners and observers photographs of all types of British and German aircraft taken from different angles. The points to watch for are then explained and the exercise begins.

The practical demonstration is necessarily confined to British types, but thorough acquaintance with these should lead to quicker identification of an enemy aircraft.—The Times.

has ruled that their walkout constituted "interference with essential services in wartime." It is clear, however, that here wages will come up to meet, at least to some extent, the increased cost of living. The Singapore municipality granted extra food allowances to its employees early this month, to take effect retroactively from November 1. Chinese piece-goods merchants are discussing the granting of a 20 per cent increase to their labour.

INDO-CHINA AND SIAM, great producers of rice both do not appear, as yet, to have suffered a serious internal price rise, but may do so if exports increase unduly due to shortage elsewhere.

IN ANY CASE, the information to hand indicates that the "rice front" is one to watch, especially in Japan it is fast becoming the main issue of Government policy, exceeding in immediate urgency both the perennial question of "settlement of the China incident" and the complicated and spectacular gyrations by means of which Tokyo's diplomats seek to extract profit from the war in the West.



The Burmese Mission to Chungking at a mass meeting held to welcome them.

All-Burma Fabian League  
Pledge Support To China

CHUNGKING, DEC. 15 (CENTRAL).—EVER SINCE CHINA WAS ENTANGLED IN AN UNPROVOKED AND DEFENSIVE WAR WITH THE JAPANESE, OUR LEAGUE TOOK THE LEAD IN THE BOYCOTT OF JAPANESE GOODS CAMPAIGN," says the All-Burma Fabian League, Rangoon, in a special message to Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

The message will be presented in person by U Ba Choe, editor of "Deedok," member of the Goodwill Mission of Burma to China, and president of the League.

"We deem it a rare honour to address Your Excellencies," begins the Fabian message, "on the occasion of the visit of our President U Ba Choe, to Chungking, the present seat of the China Government, as one of the members of the Goodwill Mission.

"For the past many years it had been our pleasant task to work throughout the length and breadth of Burma for fostering friendly relations between the Burmese people and the people of China, the oldest and most civilized nation in the world.

"As there had existed the most cordial relations between the two peace-loving Buddhist countries from times immemorial, we did not experience much difficulty in reviving the old friendship. Our efforts have resulted in the present Goodwill Mission which we earnestly hope will be a successful one."

Pleas At  
Criminal  
Sessions

ROBBERY IN DEEP  
BAY RECALLED

Twelve men who pleaded guilty on different indictments to charges of manslaughter, robbery, unlawful possession of arms and ammunition and returning from banksham were sentenced by the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, when the Criminal Sessions opened yesterday morning at the Supreme Court.

Wan Mul, alias Wan Yeung-mul, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for the manslaughter of an unidentified man at Un Long on November 20.

Charged on four counts in connection with a robbery in Deep Bay on November 20, Hui Sing-chiu, Cheng Kiu, alias Cheng Tau Pei-tai, and Kwok Kwai-shum, alias Kwok, Shing, pleaded guilty. Hui was further charged with possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition and Kwok with shooting with intent and possession of a revolver and four rounds. Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

THE SENTENCES

First accused was sentenced to three years' hard labour on the first count and 12 months on the second; second accused to two and a half years on the count of robbery, while third accused was sentenced to three years on the first count, five years on the third and 12 months on the fourth count. All sentences were to be concurrent.

Two years and 18 months sentences, each to have in addition six strokes of the "cat," were passed on Wai Tin and Ho Hung for a robbery in Kilong Street, Shumshuipo.

On charges of unlawful possession of arms and ammunition, Chan Hing and Au Kam-tin were each sentenced to 15 months.

Li Man and Tang Fuk, charged with breaches of the Deportations Ordinance, were sentenced to two years' hard labour each, while Wong Chiu and Lai Yui were each sentenced to 18 months each on similar charges.

Not Stifling Of Criticism

SECRET SESSION OF COMMONS

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The secret session of the House of Commons is an extension rather than a limitation of the principle of free discussion permitted in war-time, as in peace-time, because it is a source of strength and greater efficiency to the Administration rather than a stifling of criticism.

The Government acceded to the Opposition request in the full knowledge that criticisms would be made and appreciating the sense of responsibility which prompted members to seek the opportunity to speak with freedom and without providing the enemy with propaganda material.

The session is secret, not because damaging information will be imparted, but because a wartime frank discussion of problems of supply and service departments relating to the conduct of the war

The public and the press fully understand the reasons of the State in prompting exclusion, namely, to safeguard free discussion in war-time.

There were several precedents of this British constitutional practice, the earliest instance being in 1875. During the last war there were five in the House of Commons and one in the House of Lords.

Hello & Goodbye

(BY A. W. HYER)

The rumours about town concerning the arrival of a British steamer from Atlantic and European ports is becoming a game. The steamer which left England with 700 passengers, including 150 children, should be in port early next week.

Besides the heavy passenger list it is understood that the steamer is carrying a large amount of mail and cargo.

Imperial Airways' inward Sunday service from Bangkok has been delayed 48 hours and will not be in Hongkong before Tuesday.

Pan American Airways' report that one of their Clippers will call here on Monday.

And an Italian liner should be showing up on our horizon over this week-end from European and southern ports of call.

Air France

AIR FRANCE'S plane departed Kai Tak, 6 a.m. on Thursday, bound for France, via Hanoi, Mail to all 19 kilos.

A party of round-the-world travellers bound for India were Mrs. D. J. R. Dadabhai, Mrs. C. E. Cayaj and Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Cooper. Jodhpur is their present destination, however, they are bound to pay a call in Europe after January 1, 1940.

Mr. C. Arunphy was bound for Hanoi and Mr. M. R. S. Burnate was travelling to Saigon.

British Liner

ONE OF THE Canadian steamers stopped by our port for a few days during the week.

Up from Manila and back to his office returned that businessman who won't stay put: Mr. R. R. Roxburgh, number one over at John I. Thomycroft & Co., Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Thomson, of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., returned from a honeymoon in Manila and will make their home here.

Sailing on the steamer were Rev. & Mrs. K. C. Phillips, en route to Vancouver. Many members of the China Inland Mission and friends wished "bon voyage" to these well-known missionary personalities.

However, the parties and gatherings of history surrounded Major and Mrs. V. E. Ducloux, and their two children. The Major, very well-known to Hongkong residents, is the Trade Commissioner for the Canadian Government, and has been residing in our city for the past eight years. Now, he and his nice family are travelling to Shanghai where new duties of the Canadian Government await his supervision. It is indeed a sad occurrence, for he will certainly be

Rev. & Mrs. K. C. Phillips, en route to Vancouver. Many members of the China Inland Mission and friends wished "bon voyage" to these well-known missionary personalities.

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CHINA WAR  
NEWS

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Yoyang (Yochow), Japanese base of operations, in North Hunan. With their retreat by land already cut the Japanese are loading their military supplies aboard warships in the Yangtze River as a precaution.

After the recapture of Yanglowze, 37 miles north-east of Yoyang, the Chinese force split itself into two columns. One column yesterday pressed southward to Linsiang, 29 miles north-east of Yoyang, where, after establishing contact with the Chinese units advancing westward from Hsiting, it continues its advance on Yoyang.

Another column yesterday drove northward along the Canton-Hankow Railway and had an encounter with a detachment of Japanese reinforcements at Chaolichiao, 45 miles north-east of Yoyang.

A Chinese unit smashed into the Japanese aerodrome at Pailoki, 14 miles north of Yoyang across the Yangtze River, and set fire to the buildings there.

CONTINUED PRESSURE

KWEILIN, Dec. 15 (Central).—A Chinese column recaptured Sintangpu, on the Tungshan-Yangshing highway, in South Hupeh, on Wednesday night and is pressing toward Yanglowtung on the Hunan-Hupeh border, 38 miles north-east of Yoyang.

Chinese troops continue to exert pressure on Tungcheng, Japanese base of operations in south Hupeh. The highway between Tungcheng and Tashaping, a neighbouring town, has been cut. To the east of Tungyang which was recaptured last Tuesday, the Chinese are attacking Pelyichiao.

CHINESE ATTACK

HANCHENG, SHENSI, Dec. 15 (Central).—Taiyuan, capital of Shansi, now under Japanese occupation, was attacked by Chinese units last Saturday.

After wiping out the Japanese in the outskirts, the Chinese broke into the city. Casualties were inflicted and many rifles captured. The Chinese have also launched a series of raids on Shaoxi, south-east of Fenyang, inflicting losses on the Japanese.

CHRISTMAS  
TALK BY  
THE KING

The King is to broadcast on Christmas Day and the B.B.C. is reviving for the occasion the great "Round the Empire" programme, instituted by King George V. depicting the Commonwealth as a vast loyal family of nations. When the King speaks at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the end of a 45-minute radio tour of the Empire, he will acknowledge the homage of united peoples in "battle dress."

The programme will illustrate the reactions of the British "in the street" under war-time conditions at Christmas. There will be actual relays from all the Dominions.

The microphone tour begins in the South of England and will then take the world-wide audience in turn to the Midlands, Wales, the North of England, Northern Ireland and Scotland. Representative members of the three fighting services will then probably take part.

Contributions are to follow from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, and South Africa. The Malay States will represent the Colonial Empire, and a recorded message will be flown to England for inclusion.

Mr. Laurence Gillian, producer of several past "Round the Empire" programmes is arranging and presenting this one.

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# NAZI POCKET BATTLESHIP FORCED TO SEEK REFUGE IN MONTEVIDEO AFTER TERRIBLE MAULING

## Decks A Shambles Of Dead And Wounded

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—The latest, but badly damaged, Nazi pocket-battleship, Admiral Graf Spee, is now licking her wounds, which are plainly visible from the shore, in Montevideo, while outside a British warship is salting up and down on patrol.

The damage to the Admiral Graf Spee has put the Germans in somewhat of a predicament. The German Minister in Montevideo says she was forced into harbour by lack of fuel.

At the same time, the Berlin Official German News Agency is alleging that the British warships used mustard gas, which spoiled part of the ship's food and that is why she put in to Montevideo.

### Graf Spee

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In any case, it is not believed that the Graf Spee will be in a fit state to fight her way out of harbour with any chance of reaching Germany safely.

The whole incident is still regarded in Germany as a very signal triumph and it is argued that the pocket battleship has proved to be a perfect weapon for prowling the seas and harrying merchant vessels.

The Berlin correspondent of the Rotterdamse Courant thinks that Germany's ship-building programme may be altered accordingly.

### REINFORCED SQUADRON

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—A strongly reinforced squadron of British warships is patrolling the mouth of the River Plate, outside of Montevideo, where the Graf Spee is expected to remain until Sunday at the least.

It is announced that the Uruguayan Government might allow her to remain as long as is necessary to make repairs and the same facility would be granted to British warships.

A very good reason for thinking that she may accept internment for the duration of the war, rather than risk another engagement, is that the crew is effecting such repairs as they can themselves as shipyard engineers have refused the request for assistance by the German Legation and a company is also preventing its steel from being used by any other concern for the purpose.

Sixty-two survivors of British vessels sunk by the Graf Spee were landed last night.

Interviewed, they confirmed that there was no truth in the gas shells allegation and reckoned that the Graf Spee was hit 16 times.

One survivor said that the German crew's average age was 23. They were astonished at being engaged in battle and thought that their only job was to sink cargo ships.

**EXETER SIGHTED**  
Capt. Dove, of the Africa Shell, one of the vessels sunk by the Graf Spee, said that the battleship thought that she was near some cargo ships when she sighted H.M.S. Exeter. The order to man positions was sounded.

"I and my colleagues were locked up in the mess deck. The Graf Spee opened fire and the Exeter immediately replied. We played cards, including bridge, throughout the battle.

"One shell exploded near us. When we reached Montevideo, a German officer entered the mess-room and said, 'Gentlemen, for you the war is ended.'"

Capt. Dove described the Commander of the Graf Spee, Capt. Landsorp, who fought at Jutland, as a great gentleman.

Referring to the battle, Capt. Landsorp said to him, "You British are hard."

All survivors agreed that the British victory was due to the magnificent handling of the cruisers, the excellent gunnery and unparalleled daring.

**VIEWS EXCHANGED**  
LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Reuter learns that views are being exchanged between the British and Uruguayan Governments regarding the Graf Spee, now lying in Uruguayan waters.

It is noted that the Uruguayan Government, in proclaiming its neutrality on Sept. 5, stated that it would follow the provision of the Hague Convention, 1907.

The British Minister in Uruguay has been asked to convey the

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Without food, with confusion on board, and her decks a shambles of dead and wounded, the Graf Spee crept into Montevideo harbour last night like a wounded animal worried by terriers.

Uruguayan officials stated that her officers were thoroughly dispirited when they reached port.

Members of the British Legation, returning from a visit to the British cruisers, which are also anchored in Montevideo, assert that their crews are intact and that they suffered no casualties.

### NELSON'S SIGNAL

Press reports state that Commodore Harwood, before the action made Nelson's famous signal: "England Expects Every Man To Do His Duty," from the cruiser Ajax.

Press representatives, who made a launch trip around the Graf Spee, reported the vessel's state as "shocking"—eloquent evidence of the excellence of British gunnery—as she bore shell marks all along the waterline. A huge hole gaped in her control-tower, which was completely perforated and there was another hole in her bows.

## A BRITISH VICTORY

## U.S. Press On Graf Spee Battle

NEW YORK, 15 (Reuter)—The newspapers describe the Graf Spee fight as the first big naval battle of the war in streamer headlines and proclaim it a British victory. It is believed here that the Graf Spee will be interned in Uruguay for the duration of the war.

It is reported in messages from Montevideo that the Captain of the German ship asked the German Minister in Uruguay to negotiate with the Uruguayan Government for the battleship's immediate internment for the duration of the war on the grounds that it would be impossible for her to make the necessary repairs within the twenty-four hours she is allowed to remain in harbour and that even if these repairs are possible, the vessel could not go to sea again without encountering British warships.

thanks of the British Government to the Uruguayan Government for their prompt action in obtaining freedom for English merchant seamen held by the Graf Spee.

**ACHILLES UNSCATHED**  
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—The British Naval Attaché, Capt. H. W. V. McCall, R.N., announced last night that H.M.S. Exeter, which was damaged in the naval battle with the Admiral Graf Spee, is steaming away.

A Montevideo report says that H.M.S. Ajax, was superficially damaged and H.M.S. Achilles was unscathed.

Despite the refusal of dockyard workers to effect repairs to the Graf Spee, it is believed that she is most anxious to leave Montevideo at the earliest possible moment.



Miss Mya Dein, deputy leader of the Burmese Mission to Chungking, at a tea party. Her beautiful national headdress was greatly admired.

## New Zealand's Part In First Real Naval Engagement Of The War

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—A talk on the battle between the three British cruisers the Admiral Graf Spee was given from Davenport by Commander Taprell-Doring, better known to his many readers as "Taffrail."

The Exeter, he said, was a vessel of 8,400 tons, carrying six eight-inch guns, while the Ajax and Achilles, sister ships of about 7,000 tons each carried eight six-inch guns. All three have a speed of about 32 knots.

The Achilles is actually one of the two cruisers in the New Zealand Squadron (the other being the Leander, the flagship) and "Taffrail" said that as she was chiefly manned by New Zealanders, congratulations were due to New Zealand for the part she had played in the first real naval engagement of this war.

**POWERFUL ARMAMENTS**  
Unlike the Rawalpindi-Deutschland battle, this one was not so one-sided. Although the Admiral Graf Spee is knots slower than the British ships, she carries six eleven-inch guns firing a shell of 716-pounds each, with a range limited only by visibility and distance.

The Exeter's shells, although of the same range, were only 256-pounds while the man-handled six-inch shells of the Ajax and Achilles weigh only 100-pounds each.

A broadside from the Graf Spee, therefore, would weigh about 4,768-pounds, while a broadside from the combined British ships would only weigh 3,136-pounds.

None of the four ships were heavily armoured and a single shell from the Nazi ship might well have sunk one of the British ships. But, in the traditional style of the Royal Navy, our ships did not hesitate. They attacked the German vessel and forced her to take refuge in a battered condition.

**THE FINAL END**  
It was impossible to say what the final of the Admiral Graf Spee will be. International law permits her to remain in a neutral port long enough to make the necessary repairs to become seaworthy and to take on enough fuel to reach the nearest port of her country, but nothing else.

If the German warship is interned, she will be out of action for the duration of the war. If she attempts to leave, she will be shelled by the British cruisers which have now found her and will not leave her.

## FINNS CLAIM SUCCESS AFTER A 3-DAY BATTLE

### SOVIET NAVAL UNITS IN ACTION

HELSINKI, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—A Communiqué states that at Tolvaeservi, Finnish counter-attacks were crowned with success and after a three-day battle it was confirmed that two Soviet regiments were destroyed and that the district of Tolvaeservi is again entirely in the hands of Finnish troops, who are pursuing the Russians.

**KARELIA FIGHTING**  
In the course of local fighting in Karelia, eleven Soviet tanks were destroyed.

On the eastern frontier, Soviet troops continue attacks at Koeronoja station between Titkarenta and Kitelee.

The Russians used gas at Suomussalmi.

**SOVIET FLEET**  
Units of the Soviet Fleet bombarded Kolvito, Finnish coastal batteries replied and the Soviet vessels withdrew.

### SOVIET CLAIM

MOSCOW, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—A Soviet communiqué claims that Soviet troops have reached a point in Central Finland—sixty-seven miles from the frontier. It also claims an advance in the Murmansk region.

### 81 KILLED IN CHLORINE GAS EXPLOSION

BUCHAREST, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—A heavy loss of life is reported as a result of an explosion in a chlorine factory in Trans-Sylvania.

Tanks of chlorine gas blew up during the night and so far the bodies of 81 factory workers have been recovered. Others are injured or gassed.

Escaped chlorine gas badly hampered rescue work.

### ALLIED CONTROL EFFECTIVE

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—The effect of the British and Allied control on German exports is shown in the November trade figures issued by the United States Government.

It is revealed that Germany had only imported £500 of goods into Germany in November, compared with £23,000,000 in November last year.

The next few days should see some interesting developments.

It is interesting to note, concluded "Taffrail," that the man after whom she is named, Admiral Graf Spee, was defeated at Falkland Islands on Dec. 8, 1914, twenty-five years ago.

### MINISTER'S PRAISE

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Lord Chatfield, Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, enlisting the men of the Exeter, Ajax and Achilles, in a statement in the House of Lords, said that the British warcraft had been hunting for the Nazi pocket-battleship for weeks.

Any ship which got into touch with her was not going to lose her, even if it meant a battle against great odds.

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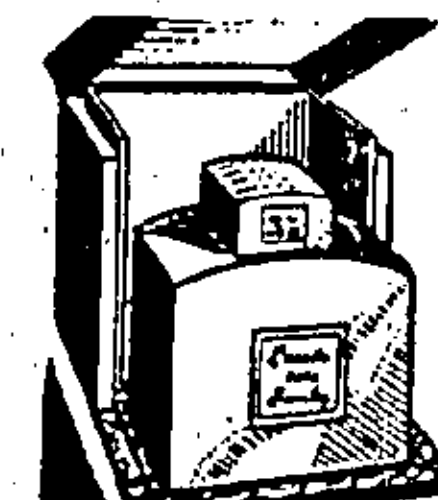
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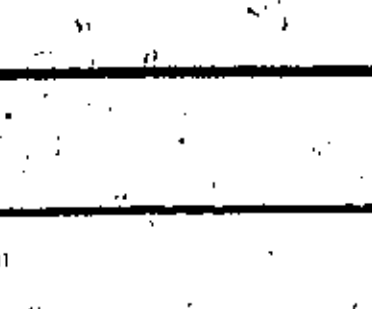
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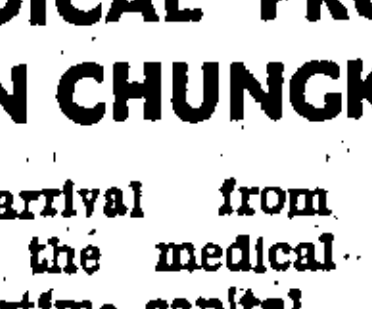
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### MEDICAL PROGRESS IN CHUNGKING

An arrival from Chungking praised the medical progress in the wartime capital.

He said that after the May bombings, an Emergency Relief Joint Office was established. There are now 14 hospitals and clinics and more than 100 medical and ambulance units assisting in the rescue and treatment of air raid victims.

High mobility of the medical and ambulance units is maintained. They are frequently sent to various districts to do rescue work.



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## COMPLETE MANIFESTO OF SIXTH PLENARY SESSION, K JOMINTANG

## CHINA WILL FIGHT ON: RESISTANCE HELPS LOCALIZE EVIL OF WORLD WAR

Many of the deficiencies our people have displayed during recent years are to be attributed to the fact that we have not yet brought into operation the Tsungli's design for local autonomy in hsien districts as administrative units. As a result no stable basis for general progress has been laid, nor has progress been achieved in the political organization and education of the people. These failings became all the more manifest with the war.

The Central Government issued in September, this year, its Outline of Hsien Government Organization and called upon the local inhabitants of hsien districts to take upon their own shoulders the progressive application of the provisions of this outline for control, education, and public welfare and security. They were further urged to devise their own means of transforming for the better all that concerned the well-being of their community, by assigning to qualified individuals posts as consultative directors, who, immersed in the actual affairs of the people, would be in a position to advise and guide them and draw out their capacity for self-government.

We consider this enactment a veritable guarantee of the future establishment of the Constitution, and a milestone on the Chinese people's road to the status of a modern democratic nation. It must come into operation not only in the rear, but also in the war areas, despite all difficulties confronting its application there. It will prove a component part in the fabric of victory by the development and conservation of the nation's available human talent and energy that will result from it.

## RESISTANCE WILL GO ON

With regard to the settled policy of resistance, the Generalissimo put the position with the utmost clarity in his inaugural address. He said: "As long as Japan remains blind to her error, Resistance will never cease." His second important point was "We shall strive for victory with confidence in the friendly nations but with reliance only upon ourselves; we shall at the same time be providing a shield for world peace." Thirdly, he said: "We shall never deviate a jot from the four-point national policy laid down at the time of the enemy's invasion of Manchuria, the four points being: opposition to Japanese aggression; the observance of all international obligations; refusal to join the anti-comintern pact; and the maintenance of independence in diplomacy."

All these restated principles have the unanimous assent of the whole nation. The experiences of the last ten months have given us abundant proof of the deep sympathy entertained for our cause by the nations signatory to the Nine-Power Treaty and by other friendly members of the League, for they have extended us much moral and material assistance, especially in such matters as the relief of refugees and the care of the wounded, and even now, with conflict in Europe, they have not ceased to do so. For this we wish to record our heartfelt gratitude; a gratitude shared by every citizen in the land. These gestures confirm our belief that men accord the right-doer the assistance which he deserves.

## CHINA AND WORLD WAR

Having fought for more than two years, China is today more than ever alive to the fact that all countries must share security and well-being in common if any one of them is to enjoy these things. When peace reigns, all countries can benefit from it, yet today we find war is afoot in Europe and mankind is exposed to the peril of unimaginable disaster.

We cannot but feel anxious regarding the world's future; but insofar as it has been in her power, China has, we believe, by reason of her Resistance, been instrumental in localizing and reducing the evil of war in the world. And we are no less strongly of the belief that when the two wars now in progress come to an end there will arise an effective and genuine system of organized security such as may give the nations the opportunity of living side by side in peace and in enlightenment. We are confident that we share this belief with farsighted and responsible statesmen the world over. We hope that they, and all who repre-

sent the forces working for peace, will take the establishment of an effective system of collective security as a noble aim worthy of their greatest exertions.

We have but one further point to make. The great national effort that we are now making is from one point of view a process of transition demanded by the logic of events, and from another point of view it is actuated by the instinct of self-preservation. But the sacrifices of those who have fought to the present point of success demand a scrupulously loyal fulfilment of the duties they have left us survivors to perform. This moral obligation every individual must take upon himself as a personal one, seeing in himself, as it were, a factor indispensable to the final success of the revolution. He must cherish the moral values and illustrate in his person the distinctions of false and true, sincerity and hypocrisy. Above all, he must cultivate a spirit of unflinching courage. As a citizen he must be responsible and disciplined in the interests of the nation. Only by assent to the absolute sanctity of military orders and civil law will he achieve integrity as a member of the national cause.

## THE NATION'S DUTY

Today, the groundwork for victory is complete. The enemy are in a wider state of perplexity than ever. With us it remains not only the Party's, but also the whole nation's duty to press on, mindful of the Tsungli's dying admonition "not to compromise or be tricked," with resulting betrayal of our sacred duty.

Of our two great tasks, Resistance and Reconstruction, neither is to be regarded as taking precedence of the other in importance. The ends in view in both cases are equally clear. In Resistance, we set ourselves the aim of expelling the invader from our territory; in Reconstruction, our goal is constitutional government. We conclude with a final appeal to all whose duties lie in the latter province to exert themselves along the lines we have indicated.

## SOFTBALL NOTES

At 1.45 p.m., the Canadian Chinese take on the Trojans, and although I feel that the Canucks should put this under their belts with ease, there's no telling as this same Trojan gang put a crimp in the Chinese Baseballers championship chances last year.

## HONG GAMES

The first of the Hong games will be the Shell-Waycoing struggle at 9.45 a.m. on the La Salle field, while the other match will see the Royal Air Force boys in action against the Texas Oilers at 3.00 p.m. on the Kai Tak ground.

I figure the two oil squads to go down the drain.

## THE PROGRAMME

Fixtures and umpires are:

PRINCE EDWARD ROAD GROUND  
10.00 a.m.: Ball Club v. Pirates:  
Umpires: F. J. Molthen, Todd & H. Campos.

11.30 a.m.: Wahcoos v. Baby Panthers:  
Umpires: W. Woo, Thomas and Todd.

1.00 p.m.: Cardinals v. Cubs:  
Umpires: Thomas, Ruel and H. Wing Lee.

2.30 p.m.: Wildcats v. Canadian Chinese:  
Umpires: F. Molthen, Thomas and Ruel.

## RECREIO GROUND

11.45 a.m.: Recreio "A" v. V.R.C.:  
Umpires: Nip Lum, Tuffy Chinn and H. Quon.

2.30 p.m.: Recreio "B" v. Chung Ewa:  
Umpires: Douglas, D. Walker and W. Lawrence.

## C.B.A. GROUND

12.00 noon: H.K. Baseball Club v. C.B.A.:  
Umpires: Bill Silva, M. Mendonca & D. Baptista.

1.45 p.m.: Canadian Chinese v. Trojans:  
Umpires: N. Beltrão, J. Higgins & G. Gurevitch.

## PUBLIC SPIRITED OFFER BY SIR ROBERT HO TUNG

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—It was officially announced in London yesterday that Sir Robert Ho Tung, of Hongkong, had offered to lend His Majesty's Government £10,000 free of interests, for two years.

This public-spirited offer had been gratefully accepted by the Government, on whose behalf a personal letter of thanks has been addressed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, to Sir Robert.

## RUMANIAN OIL FOR GERMANY

German interests have acquired a Rumanian oil company, the Petrol Block Company, with two medium-sized refineries at Ploesti and Buzau. Their capacity is 800,000 tons of crude oil and 16,000 tons of lubricating oil annually. This is the first Rumanian oil company to be controlled by German capital since the last war.

Petrol Block has been in debt to the extent of £200,000 to a former Czech oil plant manufacturing firm, and, being unable to discharge the debt, has sold the refineries.

This does not mean that Germany gets much more oil from Rumania, but that she gets the oil cheaper as she has not to pay the cost of refining to a third party.

## BORING RIGHTS

The refining capacity of the plants which have changed hands, enables Germany to refine 12 per cent. of the Rumanian crude oil production and also to acquire oilfields for boring—which was foreseen in the German-Rumanian trade agreement—in the name of the new company.

At the present rate Germany is expected to import about 1,400,000 tons of Rumanian oil yearly. She will refine nearly two-thirds of these imports in Rumania at cheaper labour and production cost than she can do in Germany.

From 800,000 tons of crude oil can be obtained 200,000 tons of petrol as well as heavy oil, and other derivatives. —Daily Telegraph.

## British Answer To Sneers And Protests Over Bremen Incident

## NO DESCENT TO NAZI METHODS OF WARFARE

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The Yorkshire Post points out editorially that there is a very clear answer both to the sneers of the enemy and the surprised protests of friends, regarding the forbearance of the British submarine which refrained from torpedoing the Bremen.

## MORE IMPORTANT

If the example of Nazi commerce raiders had been followed, Britain would have lost something much more important than a valuable naval prize—she would have betrayed the very cause for which we are fighting.

"We shall not defeat Nazism by descending to Nazi methods of warfare."

The Bremen is too valuable and vulnerable to be used as an armed raider or supply ship, the summary in the Yorkshire Post ends.

The Germans are so taken aback by the British observation of international law that they are unable to give consistent accounts of the circumstances. Thus Trans-Ocean reports that the submarine disappeared without attempting to attack, while Zeppen, in a broadcast to France, asserts that "the truth is that the British submarine did fire a torpedo, but as it was not a German torpedo, it missed its target."

## NAZI ADMISSION

BERLIN, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—A German communique admits that the British submarine attacked a German cruiser in the North Sea, but conceals the loss of the U-Boat.

## ANTI-NAZI SCENES IN URUGUAYAN CAPITAL

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Remarkable scenes were witnessed in the Uruguayan capital yesterday afternoon as a sequel to the arrival of the battered Nazi warship, Graf Spee. Over 20,000 persons staged a violent anti-Nazi demonstration because of reports that she is being permitted to succour for thirty days and the police were compelled on several occasions to charge the crowd.

Workmen in the local dockyard have threatened to go on strike if the Graf Spee is put into dock for repair.

## BRITISH REQUEST

In the meantime, the British authorities have requested the Uruguayan Government to take measures to intern the Graf Spee for the duration or, alternatively, to compel her to leave. It is contended that when a belligerent warship is hotly pursued into a neutral harbour, she cannot claim refuge for more than twenty-four hours.

The British authorities, on instructions from London, have made strong representations to this effect.

It is intimated, however, that no objection would be taken for a brief extension of the period of grace in order that the Graf Spee's dead may be given a naval funeral.

The Commander of the Achilles has expressed a wish to send a contingent ashore to attend the funeral.

## FIVE WARSHIPS

Five British warships, including it is reported unofficially, the Barham, are now standing thirty miles off the shore.

Another report suggests that the Graf Spee had sunk two British merchant ships in rapid succession before she was engaged by the British Light-Cruiser Squadron.

Authoritative sources state that, in her present condition, the Graf Spee could not possibly put to sea.

## GAS ALLEGATIONS

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The mustard gas-shell allegations put out by the Nazi Legation have been completely exploded by an examination of the casualties by the Uruguayan medical officers.

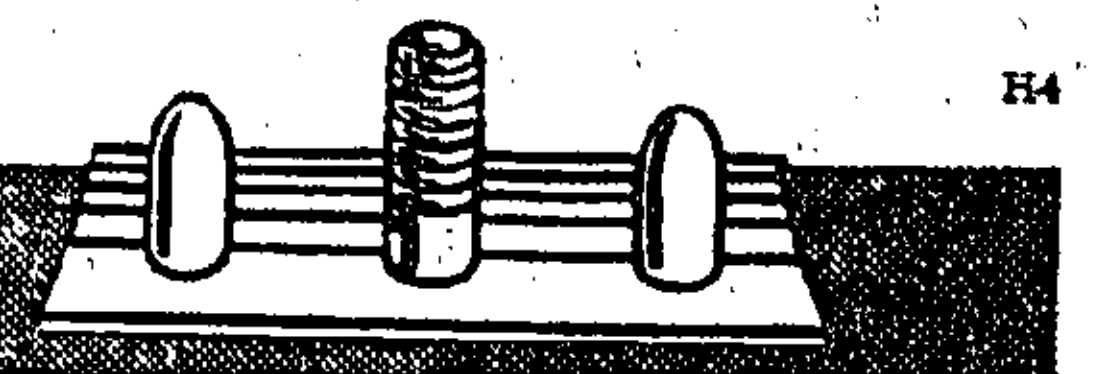
The Medical Officer in charge of the port says that all the injured were wounded by shell splinters. Not one was suffering from the eye injuries associated with mustard gas.



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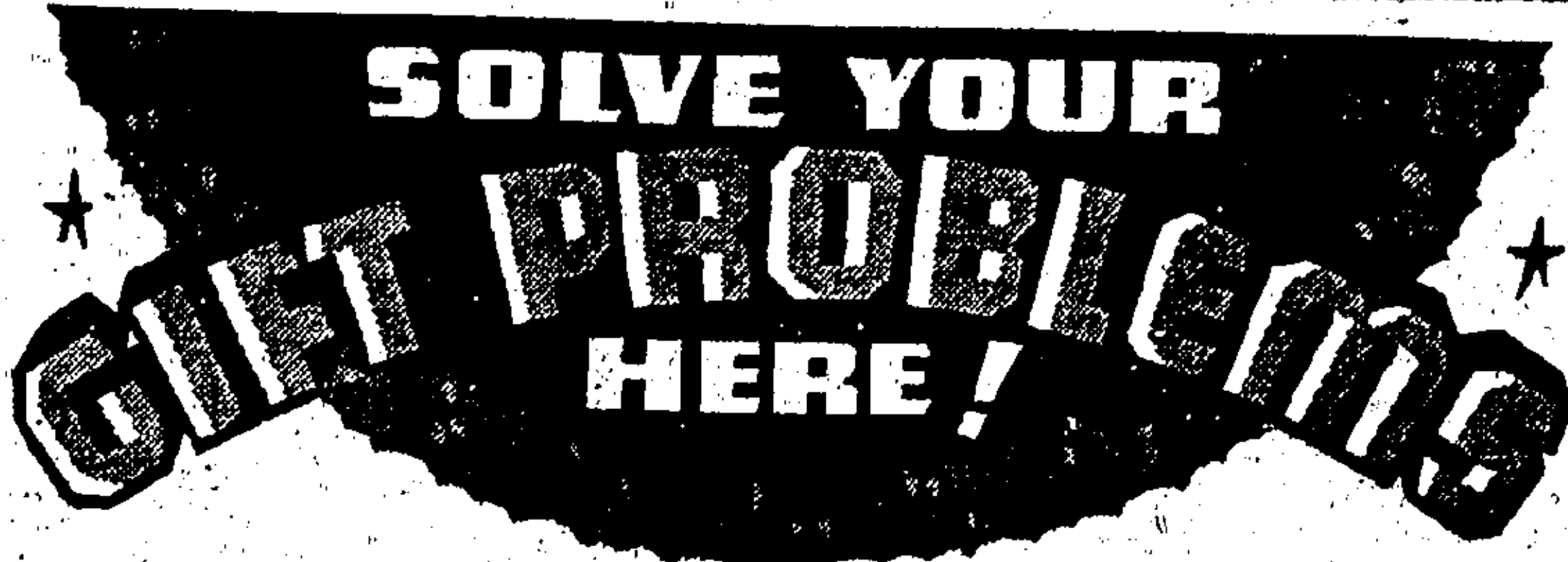


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# PAGE FOR THE CHURCHES

## CATHOLIC NEWS & NOTES

### ST. LAZARUS: CARDINAL MUNDELEIN: ANOTHER LOSS TO CHURCH

Tomorrow, Dec. 17 there is a traditional celebration in many places of the resurrection of Lazarus, whose dramatic restoration to life at the command of Christ is vividly described by St. John, who was evidently an eye-witness. Of what happened to him after that, beyond the fact that the Gospel tells us of the Jews' desire to have him killed, we have no certain knowledge.

There are, however, a great many legends connected with his name and with that of his sisters, Mary Magdalen and Martha.

According to the Greek tradition, after the Ascension of Jesus the Jews finally carried out their plan to destroy him, though it failed. They put Lazarus and his sisters into a leaky boat and pushed it out to sea at Joppe. The boat unexpectedly survived and brought them to Cyprus where they landed. Lazarus in due course became Bishop of Kition on that island and was there when the Apostles were said to have visited it. After thirty years he died and his remains were brought to Constantinople. This story is a very old one but there is nothing to confirm it.

**FRENCH LEGEND**  
The French legend is not so old, but it is equally persistent. It begins in the same way with the leaking boat but says that the three who were in it were brought to the south of France, where Lazarus became first Bishop of Marseilles. The little town of Les Saintes Maries commemorates the supposed landing place of Magdalen, Martha, Mary the mother of St. James, Lazarus, and a black servant Sarah, to whom the tipsties of Provence have great devotion.

There is no foundation for these stories, which cannot be traced further back than the eleventh century. It seems likely that the legends arose through confusion about the name, for there was a bishop named Lazarus in Aix in the 5th century.

**CARDINAL MUNDELEIN**  
Stories about the late Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago are being related with such abundance since his death that his name is passing into legend. A bishop whose lying-in-state is visited by over a million persons must obviously have been out of the ordinary, and there is no doubt that the late Cardinal was a very remarkable personality.

A town, a seminary, a women's college and a half of philosophy were named after him in his lifetime, and it is several years since the Mayor of Chicago gave up, in order to give it to him, his own right to "No. 1" on his motor car. He was responsible for the building of 600 new churches, schools and other religious buildings. His chief interests were the poor and suffering and especially the children of the poor.

**SCHOOL SYSTEM**  
Within two months of his installation as Bishop he had set about reorganising the Catholic school system of the city. When he died the Catholic schools of Chicago had 40,000 more pupils than those of New York. He reorganised also the charitable works of the diocese so to produce the maximum of effective work. By 1932 the Catholic charities were feeding, clothing and sheltering more than 150,000 persons. In the years of distress following the war he was responsible for shipping to Europe more than 250,000 barrels of flour.

As his name implied, he was of German ancestry, and his outspoken condemnation of Hitler angered the Nazis in a way that few other statements have done, but it did more than any other

### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (CHURCH OF ENGLAND KOWLOON)

#### WINTER FOOD COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

Sunday, Dec. 17, Third Sunday in Advent: Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; Choral Communion and address at 11 a.m.; Preacher, The Rev. D. Higgins of the American Episcopal Church; Evensong and Address 6.15 p.m. Preacher, The Vicar: The Sunday Evening Club will be held in the Chater Room after the evening service, to which all are invited; Primary Sunday School in the Hall, 10 a.m. Leader, Miss W. Robinson; Young People's Service in Church, 10 a.m. Leader, Mr. R. Baldwin.

#### WEEK DAY NOTICES

Monday, Dec. 18, Fellowship of Youth and Working Party for B. W. O. F. 6 p.m.; Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m. Teachers' Preparation Class, 7 p.m. The Winter Food Relief Committee will be held in the Vicarage at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, St. Andrew's Church Council Meeting at 6.30 p.m.; Fellowship of Youth Christmas Party in the Hall at 8.45 p.m.; Mother's Union, 3 p.m. Brownie Pack, 3.30 p.m.; Boy's Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; A. R. P. Lecture in the Hall, 6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 20, Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m.; St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs, 5.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's Rover Scouts (1st Kowloon) at 11, Cumberland Road, Kowloon, Tong, at 8.45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, St. Thomas' Apostle and Martyr: Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.; Working Party for B. W. O. F. at 4.30 p.m.; Christmas Tree Gift and Candle Service at 8 p.m. in the Church Grounds. An illuminated Christmas Tree will be placed in front of the Church and after gifts of money, food, and toys have been placed on it there will be a procession with candles round the Church. All gifts will be given to the Chinese destitutes; St. Andrew's Club Christmas Carnival Dance at 8.30 p.m.; Boy Scouts, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22, St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs Christmas Party at 5 p.m.; Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m.; A. R. P. Lecture, 6 p.m. Full Choir Practice 6.30 p.m.; Toc H in the Chater Room, 6.45 p.m.

### ROSARY CHURCH

The following are the forthcoming services, etc.:

3rd Sunday in Advent.  
At 6.30 Mass with sermon in Chinese, 7.30 Mass with sermon in English, 8.30 Mass with sermon in Portuguese, 9.30 High Mass in honour of St. Francis Xavier with sermon in English, followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 2 p.m. Catechetical Instruction in Chinese, 2.30 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. From 4 to 5 p.m. Meeting of Members of the Nocturnal Adoration (Chin. Section, Monday Meeting of St. Vincent de Paul's Society, Wednesday Meeting of C.C.Y.I.A. 5.30 p.m. Ember Day, Day of abstinence, On week-day: Mass at 6.30 and 7.30 a.m. Novena for Christmas, 7.30 a.m.

On Sunday, at St. Paul's Chapel (185 Portland Street, Mongkok): 6 a.m. Mass with sermon in Chinese, 8 p.m. Evening Prayers, sermon in Chinese and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

3rd Sunday in Advent.

First Mass and General Communion 8 a.m. Second Mass 10 a.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This service will be broadcast. Sermon by Rev. Father E. Bourke, S.J., on the text: "Rejoice in the Lord always. Sunday School for Children 3 p.m. Confessions are heard every day before and after Mass. On Saturdays, the special time for Confessions is from 4.30 to 8 p.m.

### ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S

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#### CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday next Advent III, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 8 p.m. Evensong and Short Address. Preacher, Rev. Charles Strong (Chaplain). Notices: All seafarers are invited to a Social Hour in the Officers' Lounge after Evening Services.

N.B.—The Church is open to the general public.

### LESSON SERMON

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONGKONG

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science churches tomorrow will be:—"Is the Universe, including Man, evolved by Atomic Forces?"

The Golden Text will be:—"All the works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy Kingdom, and talk of thy power."

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass.) No. 31 Macdonnell Road, close to Peak Tram Station, Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located in the Church Building and is open every morning (except Sunday) from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All authorised Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

### ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH

Queen's Road East, (Opposite the Royal Naval Hospital, Bus No. 5 or 5A).

Services on Sunday.  
Preachers, Morning Rev. E. Moreton, Evening Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

Junior Church 9.30 a.m. All children welcome. Morning Service 10.15 a.m. Hymn No. 64, Prayer, Hymn No. 122, 1st Lesson, Hymn No. 569, 2nd Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn No. 884, Sermon, Hymn No. 590, Benediction, Evening Service 7 p.m. Hymn No. 79, Prayer, Hymn No. 569, Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn No. 824, Sermon, Hymn No. 691, Benediction.

#### NOTICES

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at S. & S. Home 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be warmly welcomed. The Badminton Club is meeting at S. & S. Home 7 p.m. on Monday only. Further meetings will be suspended until the New Year. The House Committee is meeting at S. & S. Home Wednesday 5.30 p.m. Thursday at S. & S. Home — Servicemen's Christmas Dinner and Party. Dinner will be served at 7.30 p.m. to be followed by a Grand Concert. Servicemen are the guests of the Home. Civilian friends are invited to join us at \$1 per head, inclusive.

### ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

Dec. 16—Saturday: at 7.15 a.m. begins the Novena for Christmas. At 5 p.m. meeting of St. Teresa's C. Y. M. C. At 8.15 p.m. Committee Meeting of St. Teresa's C. Y. M. C.

Dec. 17—3rd Sunday of Advent: 6.30 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in Chinese; 8 a.m. Holy Mass, Sermon in English and Benediction with the Novena for Christmas; 10 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in English.

On week-days: Holy Mass at 6.30 and 7.15 a.m. Novena for Christmas at 7.15 a.m.

Dec. 18, Tuesday: at 8.45 p.m. Meeting of St. Teresa's Youth.

Dec. 20—Wednesday: Ember Day: Abstinence. At 5 p.m. gathering of the Children of Mary in the Hall of St. Teresa's C. Y. M. C.

### CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

The following are the forthcoming services at the Catholic Cathedral, Cathine Road:

3rd Sunday in Advent.  
Morning services: 1st Mass 6 with sermon in Chinese, 2nd Mass 8 with sermon in English, 2nd Mass 8 with sermon in English, 3rd Mass 10 with sermon in English. Evening services: 3.30 Catechetical Instruction, 4 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary, Novena in preparation of the Nativity of Our Lord and Benediction. Dec. 20 Ember day—Abstinence, Dec. 21—St. Thomas Apostle. On week days Mass at 6 and 7.30 Confessions morning and evening.

The Novena in preparation of the Nativity of Our Lord will take place 5.30 p.m. during all the week. See Back Page.

### SPEECH DAY OF HEEP YUNN

#### MR. LI YING-LAM OFFICIATES

The third annual Graduation Day of the Heep Yunn School was held yesterday, Mr. Li Ying-lam, President of Lingnan University, distributing the prizes.

There were five graduates from the Senior Middle School last year, the Principal, Mrs. W. K. Cheung, said in presenting the report for the past year. There were also 25 Junior Middle graduates and 32 Higher Primary graduates. Both Mr. C. G. Soles, Director of Education, and Mr. Y. P. Law, Inspector of Vernacular Schools, paid visits to the School during the year and were satisfied with the work being carried on.

#### GUIDES SUCCESS

The Heep Yunn Guide Company (4th Kowloon) came third in the Prince of Wales Banner Competition. The "House" system was newly introduced into the School and different co-operations and matches between houses were instituted.

Besides making continuous monthly contributions towards the relief of war sufferers, they made also padded coats for wounded soldiers and refugees. The girls also fasted twice in order to save money for the Canton refugees.

On May 19, the second anniversary of the School opening, Bishop Hall came and addressed the students. Eight students and two teachers were confirmed, and five students baptised during the year. The principal's report was preceded by a programme of musical and other entertainment by the school.

#### CERTIFICATE WINNERS

The following certificates were presented:

Senior Middle School Graduation:—Lei, Kwai-tong, Ip Lai-shung, Liu Wal-sam, Tang Wing-ee, and Ng Ngaan-ling.

Junior Middle School Graduation:—Ng Lai-ying, Ho Kan-ying Li Lai-yuen, Lai Maai-wai, Lam Yat-oi, Ng Choy-ping, Sz Paan-lai, Chan Wal-yun, Chan Tsz-oi, Chan Yui-oi, Suen Wan-wah, Suen Po-chi, Suen Tai-hei.

Tsun Mei-king, Mool Tip-moon, Chang Shuk-ping, Tsang Choh-kiu, Wong Wing-fung, Wah Sau-kam, Yeung Ma-lai, Lai Pui-ching, Lau Wah-hing, Kong Wal-lam, and Loh Oi-chan.

Primary School Graduates:—Wong Wal-kwong, Ng Ngaan-mool, Lei Kok-hung, Lei Choh-shung, Lei Bing-fung, Hung Yuet-ching, Leung Yuk-ki, Leung Kin-man, Chui Meng-king, Ma Kin-leng, Tso Paak-lam, Cheung Pook-lin, Cheung Ping-sin, Mak Mei-yuk.

Wong Choy-ping, Wong Choy-ee, Wong Kwan-ying, Tsang Kei-yung, Fung Ngaan-heung, Tung Wal-ye, Yeung Tsouy-mei, Kot Sul-kam, Cheng Pui-chan, Liu Ying-sam, Yip Tsui-fan, Poon Sui-wah, Poon Uen-ue, Lau Sun-chi, Lau Hing-chi, Lau Hing-chan, Tse Chi-sing, and Foo Wan-ee.

### PEOPLE CHOOSE SUBJECTS

#### PEW QUESTION PAPERS

Christianity and Euthanasia;

Is God justified in letting our men die on the battlefield so that Peace may be won?

The vital things of life:

Christian charity;

The origin of hymns;

Should a Christian always tell the truth, even to the extent of hurting someone else? Are "white lies" ever justifiable?

Church's definition of Heaven;

Spiritual healing.

These are some of the subjects people would like dealt with according to replies to pamphlets put in the pews of St. Andrew's Church some weeks ago which asked:—

1. Will you please state some hymns in our St. Andrew's Hymn books, you would like sung.

2. A subject or questions you would like the Vicar to deal with in his sermons.

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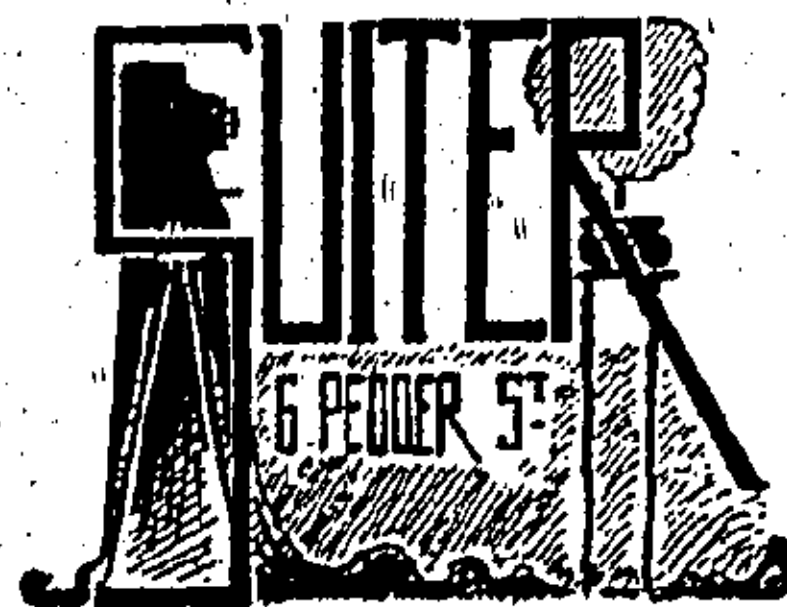
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## ENTRIES FOR DECEMBER MEETING OF FANLING HUNT AND RACE CLUB

The December Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be held at Kwanli on Dec. 26, starting at 2.45 p.m.

The following are the entries:

Race 1—2.45 p.m. "The Talpo Handicap." A steeplechase of 14 miles for China ponies. Winner a Cup or \$75; 2nd \$40; 3rd \$30. Entry Fee \$3.

Clowney, Ebony, Idol, Mortmain, Three Farthings.

4 Entries:

Race 2—"The Jorrock Plate." 14 miles. A hurdle race for China ponies, bona fide hunters. Winners last season of a steeplechase and or hurdle race barred. Catchweight 168 lbs. Winner a Cup or \$75; 2nd \$40; 3rd \$30. Entry Fee \$3.

Centre Forward, Emergency Call, Jack O'Lantern, Seventeenth of September, The Minx, Widnes.

6 Entries:

Race 3—"The Hobart Handicap." 7 furlongs. A flat race for Australian ponies "C" class. Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$75. Entry Fee \$5.

Ajax, Amber II, Brutus, Dick Turpin, Discovery Bay, Heinz, Macquarie River, Schmetterling, Tarzan, Zodiak.

10 Entries:

Race 4—"The Canberra Handicap." 14 miles. A steeplechase for Australian ponies. Winner a Cup or \$75; 2nd \$40; 3rd \$30. Entry Fee \$3.

Bingo, Glorious Star, Iroquois,

Kiolo, National Unity, Sea Urchin, Spectrum, Tarzan.

8 Entries:

Race 5—"The Fanling Cup." 7 furlongs. A handicap flat race for China ponies "D" class. Winners this year of more than \$1,000 barred. Novice jockeys allowed 8 lbs. Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$75. Entry Fee \$5.

Arabian Cat, Estover, Fel Ying, Golden Cow, Jack O'Lantern, Lancashire Chap, National Liberty, Piet Hein, Plain View, Popular Star, Sports Venture, Tempest, The Leopard, The Tigress, Tribute.

15 Entries:

Race 6—"The Happy Valley Handicap." 5 furlongs. A flat race for China ponies classified "E" class. Novice jockeys allowed 8 lbs. Winner \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$75. Entry Fee \$5.

Diogenes, Dow Jones, Ebony Idol, Gallant Marshal, Heddon, Heriot, High Tower, King's Envoy, Lucky Eleven, New Bedford, March Brown, Old Fashioned, Palmer, Rose Day, Tiger Eyes.

15 Entries:

Handicaps will be published next week.

**SPECIAL SWEEP**  
A special \$1 Sweep will be run on "The Fanling Cup."

Through Tickets costing \$10, include a chance in the Special \$1 Sweep and may be obtained at the Secretaries Office, Messrs. Thomson & Co., Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, or at the Cash Sweep Department, 17, Connaught Road Central.

Centre Forward, Emergency Call, Jack O'Lantern, Seventeenth of September, The Minx, Widnes.

## FANCY DRESS PARTY FOR CHILDREN

One of the many social activities organised to aid the British War Organisation Fund is the Children's Fancy Dress Party to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday.

Lady Northcote will be present at the party, which will commence at 4 p.m., and will give away the prizes.

The affair promises to be most enjoyable, as the Band of the Royal Scots will be in attendance, and there will be musical games, dancing and other items.

Admission is \$2 for children and \$1 for adults, and tickets may be secured from the Hongkong and Peninsula Hotels and from Mrs. Gilmore, No. 378, The Peak.

## BRISK SELLING AT C.R.C. BAZAAR

Yesterday afternoon at 3 p.m. Mrs. C. C. Wu declared open a Bazaar in the quarters of the Chinese Recreation Club.

A large attendance gathered to hear Mrs. Wu's informal words when she declared the Bazaar open.

The artistically arranged booths displaying fancy handwork, art objects, sweets, baby-wear, knitted garments, china and many other useful articles did a splendid selling business in the early afternoon.

Proceeds from the Bazaar will be given to Chinese Charities and war organizations.

## AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:

### SOUTHBOUND

Sunday: Hanoi, Bangkok, Denebola—7 a.m.

### NORTHBOUND

Tuesday: Bangkok, Hanoi, Hongkong.

Delphinus—4 p.m.

Air France

### NORTHBOUND

Wednesday: France, Hanoi, Hongkong.

Service—4 p.m.

### SOUTHBOUND

Thursday: Hanoi, France, Service—6 a.m.

Pan American Airways:

### EASTBOUND

Monday: U. S. A., Manila, Hongkong.

China Clipper—2 p.m.

### WESTBOUND

Tuesday: Manila, U.S.A.

China Clipper—8.30 a.m.

NOTE:—The Imperial Airways inward service from Bangkok due at Kai Tak on Sunday afternoon with mail and passengers from all Empire Route ports has been delayed forty-eight hours and will not arrive in the Colony until Tuesday p.m.

## CHARMING CATHEDRAL WEDDING

LT. J. MOWLAN, R.N. AND MISS RICE

Miss Gwenllian Frances Elizabeth Rice became the bride of Lieutenant-Commander John Mowlan, R.N., of H.M.S. Thanet, in St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson officiated. The beautifully decorated Cathedral in reds and greens was an attractive background for the charming, tall bride.

Miss Rice, daughter of the Rev. Mark and Mrs. Rice, of Wotton Rectory, Dorking, Surrey, England, was escorted to the altar by Colonel A. G. Neville, M.C.

Attending the bride was little Miss Caroline Neville in a net frock of white with blue velvet ribbon trimmings and carrying a small corsage of posies. The unusual bridal procession was most striking and picturesque.

### BRIDE'S COSTUME

Miss Rice's costume, fashioned by the well-known Miss S. Costides, was made from broad white satin designed on fitted lines with a high neck, long sleeves full from shoulder to elbow and the skirt having a slight flared train.

The bridal veil, of three yards in white silk tulle, was caught to her head with a half hake of orange blossoms, the veil falling over the face to the waist. The bridal bouquet was composed of white candy tufts and green.

Captain I. D. Macrae acted as best man.

A reception was held aboard H.M.S. Tamar.

## BRITISH INTERESTS IN SHAI-NANKING RAILWAY

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons yesterday, at question-time, the Prime Minister said that the British Ambassador in Tokyo on Oct. 10, made strong representations regarding the non-payment of interest due to British shareholders in the Shanghai Nanking Railway.

He would continue to press the matter when opportunity offered.

## COLONY HEALTH

Nineteen cases of tuberculosis, six cases of chicken-pox, three cases of diphtheria, two cases of enteric fever and one case of dysentery were notified to the Health Department on Dec. 14.

## NEWSETTES

H.E. the Governor will attend the A.R.P. exercises tomorrow at 9 a.m.

The National Relief Commission on Thursday allotted an additional \$10,000 for the relief of refugees in the Chungshan district.

A message from New Delhi states that the Viceroy of India has arrived in Calcutta, where he will spend Christmas. (Reuter).

His Excellency the Governor will see the 3rd Battery, H.K.V.D.C. at anti-aircraft practice at Aberdeen Island on Tuesday at 11 a.m.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will be present at the performance of "All Baba" at the Y.M.C.A. Kowloon on Thursday at 9.00 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor will be present at the annual display of Physical Drill by Island and Mainland schools on the H.K.F.C. ground on Friday at 11.30 a.m.

Lady Northcote will preside at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Horticultural Society at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company's Board Room on Tuesday at 5.15 p.m.

An Invitation Christmas Gala Dance will be held in King George's Hall, at the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute, at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday next, Dec. 20. The Band of the 2nd Batt. The Royal Scots, will be in attendance.

Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States, and now Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Philippine Branch of the Bank of Communications, sailed for Manila on Thursday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wang.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

Continued from Page 3

Fox-Trot—Chicken Reel—Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra. Tango—La Carajada; Bella Espanola—Orquesta Tipica Roberto Firpo.

10.40 London Relay—"They too loved Wales."

A Welsh pattern of verse, prose and music.

11.00 London Relay—"London Log."

11.15 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—The Fleet's In Port Again. Waltz—The Whistling Waltz. Billy Reid and His Accordion Band. Fox-Trot—Let's Face The Music and Dance (film "Follow the Fleet").

Where Are You (film "Follow the Fleet")—Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

Tango—The Tango of the "Mula". Waltz—A Garden of Illusion—Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Fox-Trot—Who Loves You; Foolish Heart—Ronnie Munro and His Dance Orch.

Tango Fox-Trot—Where The Cafe Lights Are Gleaming; Fox-Trot—Angel of the Great White Way—New Mayfair Dance Orchestra. Rumba Fox-Trot—La Cucaracha; Tango—A Me-Tige—Orquesta Tipica Roberto Firpo.

Fox-Trot—Free Take My Heart—Ambrose and His Orchestra. Waltz—Secret Rendezvous (film "One Rainy Afternoon")—Victor Young and His Orchestra.

12.00 Midnight. Close down.

## TOMORROW

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT FROM ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Erich Forges

10.00—11.00 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from St. Joseph's Church.

11.00 a.m. Close down.

12.15 p.m. List—Venezia E. Napoli.

Piano Solo by Louis Kentner.

12.33 Two Songs by Herbert Janssen (Baritone).

Devotion, Op. 10, No. 1 (R. Strauss); All Souls' Day, Op. 10, No. 8 (R. Strauss) with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.

12.40 Tchaikowsky—Theme and Variations from Suite No. 3 in G.

London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Studio—Another "Musical Cocktail" by Erich Forges.

1.23 Orchestral Interlude.

Cara Mia (Sievler and Prisker); Old Bohemian Town (Marsden and Kennedy)—Alfredo and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 "Puccini's" "Madam Butterfly" Act II.

Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: M. Sheridan (Soprano); Cho-Cho-San; I. Mannerini (Mezzo-Soprano); Suzuki, a servant; V. Weinberg (Baritone); Sharpless, U.S. Consul; N. Fiala (Tenor); Goro, the marriage broker; A. Gelli (Bass); Prince Yamadori with Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan.

1.53 "Cello Solos by Pablo Casals.

Requies (Cassado); Menuet Haydn, arr. Platt—with Piano accomp. by Blas-Net.

1.00 Organ Music.

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor (Bach)—Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Fanfare (Lammens); Grand Chorus in D Major (Gullmunt)—G. D. Cunningham.

10.15 Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.

Conducted by the Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Victoria.

10.36 Close down.

2.30 Close down.

7.00 A Russian Programme including Songs by Chaliapine (Bass).

"Prince Igor" (Borodin); Introduction; Polovtsian Dances; Chorus of the Young Polovtsian Girls—Les Chœurs de l'Opéra Russe with Orchestra.

"Boris Godounov" (Moussorgsky); Clock Scene; Ah I am suffocating; Monologue of Boris. I have attained the highest power—Theodore Chaliapine (Bass) with Orchestra. Prelude in G Minor, Op. 23, No. 5 (Rachmaninoff)—Vladimir Horowitz (Piano).

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Relay of a Christmas Concert by the Choir of St. Joseph's Church with the Very Rev. Father A. Rignani at the Organ.

1. Noel—Spanish popular Air (Mayra)—Organ; 2. Antifona Ceciliaiana (Pagella)—The Choir; 3. Largopastoral (Correll)—Two Violins, Cello and Organ; 4. Adagio Fielles (Saratt)—The Choir; 5. Little Trio for Violin, Cello and Organ (Rignani)—Violin, Cello and Organ; 6. Pastorale—Rondo (Rignani)—Organ; 7. Rorate Coeli (Rignani)—The Choir with Strings and Organ Accompaniment; 8. Cantilene (Lefebure-Wely)—Organ; 9. Christmas Carols: (a) Silent Night; (b) New Prince new pump; (c) Interlude; (d) The Shepherds went their hasty way; (e) Angels, we have heard your voices—The Choir.

8.45 Studio—Talk on "The Modern Bomber."

9.05 Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

A Dream of Paradise (Lytleton-Gray); O Song Divine (S. Nes-Temple); Open Your Window To The Morn, Op. 58, No. 3 (Reyden-Phillips).

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.20 New Light Symphony Orchestra with Mavis Bennett (Soprano).

Meody In F, Op. 3, No. 1 (Rubinstein); Romance In E Flat, Op. 44, No. 1 (Rubinstein)—New Light Symphony Orchestra. Pretty Mocking Bird (Bishop); Down Vauxhall Way (Olivier)—Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.

Spring Song (Mendelssohn); Narcissus (Nevin)—New Light Symphony Orchestra. Valley of Laughter (Sanderson); Bird of Love Divine (Haydn Wood)—Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.

Spanish Dance, No. 1 (Mozzkowsky); Spanish Serenade (Bizet)—New Light Symphony Orchestra.

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## CARNIVAL DANCE ON BOXING DAY

The Royal Engineers Old Comrades' Association are holding a Carnival Dance on Boxing Day, Dec. 26, at the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon. Dancing from 8.30 p.m. to 2.00 a.m.

Music will be provided by the Dance Orchestra of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots, by kind permission of Lt. Col. D. J. McDougall, M.C. and Officers.

There will be Spot Prizes and Novelties.

Admission: Ladies \$1.50. Gents \$2.00. Members below Sergeant \$1.50.

Tickets may be obtained in advance from: S. Moutrie & Co., Ltd., York Building, Chater Road; R.S.M. R. Hargreaves, R.E., Wellington Barracks; Sgt. S.R.S. Pearson, R.E., C.E. Office, Command H.Q.

Tables may be reserved on application to: Sgt. S.R.S. Pearson, R.E., Telephone 34121 Ext. 23, R.S.M. R. Hargreaves, R.E., Telephone 34121 Ext. 34, Peninsula Hotel, Telephone 58081.

## FIRING PRACTICE

Light gun firing practice will be carried out between the hours of 4 p.m. and 12 midnight today and on Dec. 18.

Firing Area "C" will be affected. Firing practice will be carried out between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. tomorrow. Firing Area "C" will be affected.

His Excellency Sir Geoffrey and Lady Northcote will proceed to Fanling Lodge for the Christmas holidays on Saturday, December 23.

Lady Northcote's last working party (B.W.O.F.) for the year was held at Government House yesterday. The working party will be resumed on January 3, 1940.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will attend the lecture by Mr. P. E. Williams on "China's Tea Trade" at the Fung Ping Shan Library under the auspices of the Sino-British Cultural Association on Friday at 6 p.m.

## CONTROL OF LIGHT ALLOYS

### AIR MINISTRY SCHEME

The Air Ministry announced recently through the Press Bureau that, following discussions with the firms engaged in the light alloy industry, a voluntary scheme has been instituted for the control of the allocation of orders for aluminium and magnesium light alloys and their distribution.

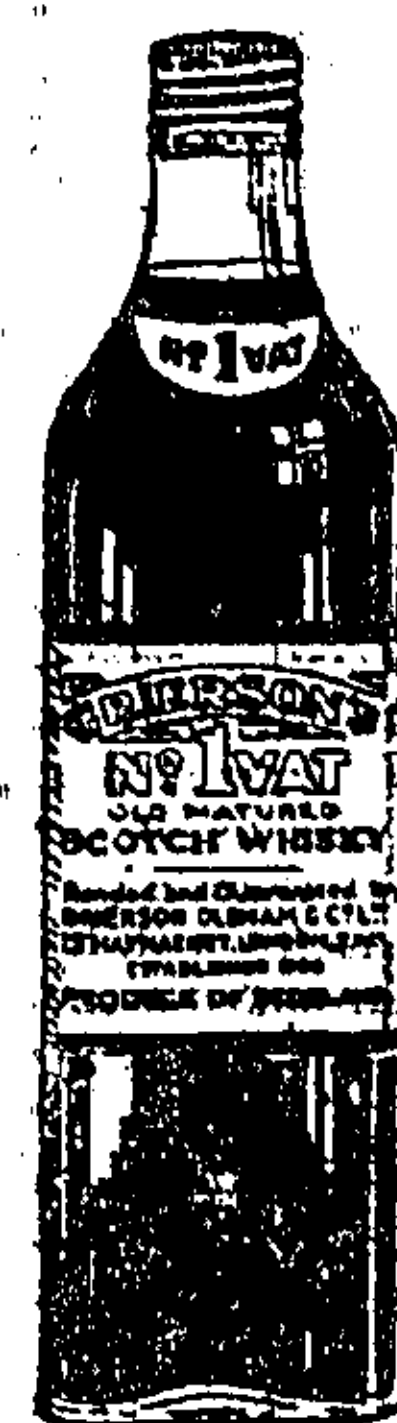
The object of the scheme is to ensure the prompt fulfilment of the requirements of the Defence Department, and to utilise the national productive capacity to the best possible advantage. The co-operation of the firms concerned is essential to the success of the scheme.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
The machinery of control will operate under the general direction of a management committee, the chairman of which will be the Director of Materials Production, Air Ministry, Mr. C. E. Walker, who will be assisted by Mr. A. J. G. Smart—I.C.I. Ltd.—as deputy chairman.

The controllers will be Mr. Horace Clark, of J. Booth and Co. (1915) extrusions, tubing and wire; Mr. W. T. Devereux, of High Duty, Alloys, forgings and stampings; Mr. F. S. Mitman, of Northern Aluminium Co., sheet and strip; Mr. P. Pritchard, of Birmingham Aluminium Castings (1903) Co., castings.

## U.S. VIEW ON FRANCO-BRITISH ECONOMIC PACT

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Henry Morgenthau, U.S. Secretary to the Treasury, said he saw nothing in the Franco-British Economic Agreement detrimental to United States interests. He expressed the opinion that the provisions of the Agreement did not "vitalize" the Tri-partite Monetary Agreement.



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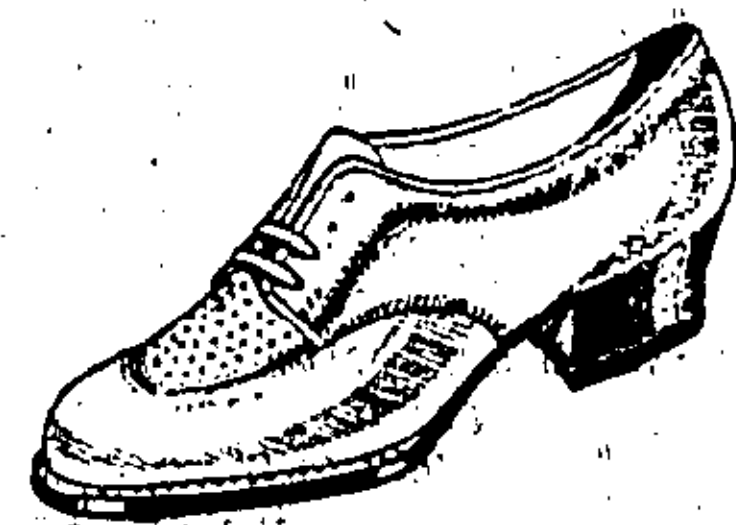
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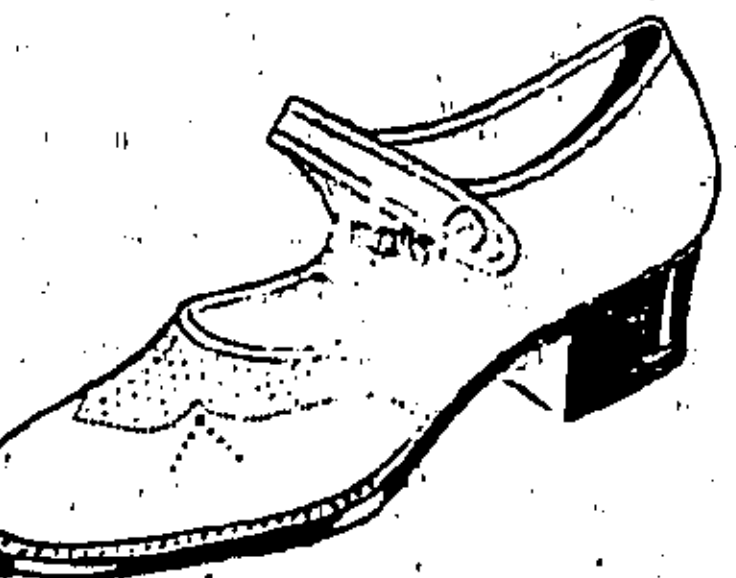
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# Finance and Commerce

## HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY 15. DEC.							
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
Bank							
\$133 1/2	\$1340	\$1340	45	H.K. Bank .....	...	\$1340	...
...	...	...	285	Do. (Col. Reg.) ...	...	...	285
...	...	...	283 1/2	Do. (Lon. Reg.) ...	...	...	283 1/2
...	...	...	284	Chartered Bank .....	...	...	284
...	...	...	229 1/2	Mercantile Bk. "A" ..	...	...	229 1/2
...	...	...	211 1/2	Mercantile Bk. "C" ..	...	...	211 1/2
\$74	...	...	...	Bank of East Asia ..	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	N. C. & S. Bank .....	\$73	...	...
...	...	...	...	Insurance .....	...	...	50 cts.
\$400	...	...	\$320	Canton Insurance ...	...	\$220	...
...	...	...	\$1 1/2	Union Insurance ...	\$400	...	...
...	...	...	\$100	Underwriters .....	\$1	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Fire .....	...	...	\$185
\$71 1/2	...	...	...	Shipping .....	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Douglas .....	...	...	...
\$80	...	...	\$11	Steamboats .....	\$11	...	...
\$50	...	...	...	Indo-China (Prof.) ...	\$80	...	...
...	...	...	...	Indo-China (Def.) ...	\$50	...	...
...	...	...	80/3	Shells .....	...	...	79/4
...	...	...	28.10	Waterboats .....	...	...	\$8
...	...	...	...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	...	...	...
\$445	...	\$44	\$101 1/4	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	\$102	...
...	...	...	...	Providents .....	...	\$450	...
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\$19.60	\$19.30	40	...	H.K. & W. Docks ...	\$19.40	\$19.55	\$19.40
...	...	...	...	Do. (new) .....	...	...	50
...	...	...	...	\$195 Shanghai Docks B.	...	...	\$195
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...	...	...	\$4	Venezuela Gold Fide	...	...	\$3
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...	...	...	...	Lands, Hotels and Buildings	...	...	...
\$4.85	\$5	\$4.90	...	H.K. Hotels .....	\$4.80	\$4.90	...
\$33 1/2	...	...	...	H.K. Lands .....	...	...	\$33 1/2
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\$4.40	...	...	\$100	Shanghai Lands B.	...	...	...
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...	...	...	...	Humphreys .....	\$7.50	...	\$7.90
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...	...	...	...	Ewo. (S.) .....	...	...	\$27
...	...	...	...	S'hai Coking (S.) ...	...	...	\$152
...	...	...	...	Zong Sing (S.) .....	...	...	\$48
...	...	...	...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	\$160
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\$17.10	\$16.70	17 1/2	...	Tramways .....	...	\$16.90	...
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\$36	...	...	...	Peak Tram (new) ...	...	...	\$4
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\$5 1/2	\$8	...	...	Bopes .....	\$5.25	\$8	...
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\$8.90	\$9	...	...	Watsons .....	\$8.70	\$9.90	\$8.60
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## FOREIGN MARKETS &amp; QUOTATIONS

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 15, 1939

On London:	Telegraphic Transfer 1/8 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/8 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 1/4	
On Shanghai:	On demand 315
On Singapore:	On demand 69 3/4
On Japan:	On demand 103 1/4
On India:	Telegraphic Transfer 82 1/2
On New York:	Bank Bills, on demand 24 3/8
Credits, 60 days' sight 25	
On Batavia:	On demand 45 3/8
On Paris:	Bank Bills, on demand 1/90
Credits 4 months' sight 1/45	
On Saigon:	On demand 1/8 1/2
On Manila:	On demand 48 3/4
On Bangkok:	On demand 149 1/2
Sterling Notes:	Bank Buying Rate 1/4
Bar Silver per oz.	23 3/8

## Market Report

## FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices dropped 1/8 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 23 3/8 for Ready and 23 9/16 for Forward. Silver advances reported India as having bought and speculators as having sold. The market was quiet but steady. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402. New York-London was quoted at 393 5/8.

## Market

Steady but quiet.

**Sterling**

There were sellers at 1/3 December and 1/23 1/32 March, probably April, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash and 1/3 March, probably February.

**U.S. Dollars**

There were sellers at 24 1/2 December and 24 3/8 January, buyers at 24 9/16 December, possibly Cash and 24 1/2 January.

**Shanghai Dollars**

There were sellers during the early part of the morning at 327. Towards the close at 1 p.m. sellers were quoted at 324.

**Shanghai Market**

Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 437/64 and closed with sellers at 439/32 for Spot. U.S. Dollars sellers at the opening at 77/16 for Spot and closed a shade steadier at 77/32 sellers for Spot.

**Afternoon Market**

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

**Sterling**

The market closed with sellers at 1/3 December and 1/23 1/32 January/March, probably April, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash and 1/3 February.

**U.S. Dollars**

Sellers at 24 1/2 December, 24 3/8 January and 24 1/4 February, buyers at 24 9/16 Cash and 24 7/16 January.

**Shanghai Dollars**

Sellers at 325.

**Shanghai Market**

Opened with sellers at 437/64 and towards the close sellers were quoted at 439/16 sellers for Spot.

## Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 15 (Reuter).	
Official T.T. Rates	
London	0/4-1/4
New York	6-7/8
Japan	29-1/4
India	23-1/2
Paris	3.11
Hongkong	28-1/4

Sellers	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/4-35/64	0/4-37/64
Dec.	0/4-35/64	0/4-37/64
Jan.	0/4-33/64	0/4-35/64

U.S. Dollars	
Spot	77-7/16
Dec.	7-13/32
Jan.	7-5/16

Market: Quiet	
Merchant Rates	
Sterling, 0/4-9/16	
U.S. Dollars, 77-7/16	

**Silver duty Rate**

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d., unchanged from yesterday.

The Equalisation rate was 24 per cent.

**Calcutta Exchange**

Calcutta, Dec. 14 (Reuter). T.T. on Japan, 80-3/8.

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## COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE &amp; CO.)

New York, December 14.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Dec. 13	Dec. 14	Change
S P O T	40 cts	40-1/8	up 1/8
JAN-MARCH	39	39-3/8	up 3/8
APRIL-JUNE	37	37-3/8	up 3/8

The market was easier.

LONDON RUBBER	Dec. 13	Dec. 14	Change
S P O T	11-15/16	11-7/8	off 1/16
JAN-MARCH	12-1/16	11-15/16	off 1/8
APRIL-JUNE	11-15/16	11-13/16	off 1/8

After ruling steady, the market eased in sympathy with cotton prices but rallied slightly on the issue of United States questionnaires.

**COTTON:** There were heavy profit-taking and Southern selling against Loan repurchases which was met by Trade support on the scale down, demand being otherwise lacking.

**RUBBER:** There was a broader general demand and good factory interest in nearbys and actuals, while contracts were scarce. November consumption of 54,322 tons is above expectations and is causing an upward revision of the estimates for December. We would remain bullish, believing that the scarcity of supplies will soon be felt here.

**WHEAT:** Prices declined on the easiness of the Canadian markets, but sizable profit-taking and realizing was well absorbed. The mill markets are steady while the cash market remains firm. No indication of relief in the drought sections is forecasted.

**HIDES:** The market reflects the better tone of Spots. Packers are reported to be holding for 3/4 cent advance.

**NEW YORK STOCKS:** Previous close, 148.94; Today's close, 148.93; Change, off .01.

## NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson &amp; Fritz and S. E. Levy &amp; Company)

	High	Low	Prev. To-day's	Close	Change
New York Cotton, Mar.	11.11	10.61	11.22	10.69	.53 off
New York Rubber, Mar.	19.60	19.40	19.53	19.60	.07 up
Chicago Wheat, May	101 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	57 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2	56 1/2	1 off
New York Hides, Mar.	15.50	15.33	15.43	15.38	.05 off
NEW YORK COTTON					
December	11.56/56	11.34/34	10.99/96		.06 off
January	11.45/45	11.24/24	10.99/96		.47 off
March	10.88/80	11.10/08	10.69/70		.53 off
July	10.50/50	10.76/72	10.38/38		.50 off
July (New contract)	10.74/74	10.30/29	10.08/07		.44 off
October ( )	9.95/90	10.52/53	10.29/29		.45 off
December ( )	unquoted	9.78/77	9.50/52		.45 off
Spot	11.66 N		11.13 N		.53 off

Volume (In contract of 100 bales each) 357,200 bales

Note: December cotton, last notice day—15/12/39.

NEW YORK RUBBER	Close	Change
December	20.55/55	.05 up
March	19.53/55	.07 up
May	19.10/10	.01 up
July	18.75/75	.05 up
September	18.62/65a	.03 up

Note: December rubber, last notice day—27/12/39.

Total sales for the day—3,410 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT	Close	Change
December	102 1/2/102	1 off
May	99 1/2/99 1/2	2 off
July	97 1/2/97 1/2	unch.

Wednesday's sales—53,802,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN	Close	Change
December	55 1/2/55 1/2	1 off
May	57 1/2/57 1/2	1 off
July	58 1/2/58 1/2	1 off

WINNEPEG WHEAT	Close	Change
December	83 1/2/83 1/2	1 off
May	87 1/2/87 1/2	1 off
July	88 1/2/88 1/2	1 off

NEW YORK HIDES	Close	Change
March	15.43/43	.05 off
June	15.70/72	.01 off
New York Official	34-3/4	
NY-London Cross Rate	3.93-3/4	

3.93-5/8b

## SILVER MARKET

## LONDON SILVER

London, Dec. 14 (Reuter).

Silver—Speculators sold. India bought. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady.

Spot, 23-3/8d.	
Forward, 23-9/16d.	

## NEW YORK SILVER

New York, Dec. 14 (Reuter).

Official Price, 34-3/4.

## BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 14 (Reuter).

Market—Eat. Offtake 100 bars.

## Indian Mint Silver

Ready 62-00

Jan. 6 Settlement 62-04

Feb. 3 Settlement 63-00

## India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Dec. 14 (Reuter).

Government 3 1/4 Rupee, 87-12-0 nominal.

## New York Exchange

New York, Dec. 14 (Reuter).

T.T. on London (Opening Rate), 3.95-3/4.

## LONDON METALS

## EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 14 (Reuter).

TIN

buyers sellers

Standard, Cash 259-3/4 260-1/4

Standard, 3 months 258-1/2 257

Settlement Prices 260

Strats 280 to 285 nominal

## LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 14 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168.

## BROKERS' LOANS

New York, Dec. 7 (Reuter).

Loan on securities to brokers in New York:

Week-ended Week-ended

Dec. 8 Dec. 7 Dec. 14

\$687,000,000 \$507,000,000 \$638,000,000

## BANK OF SWEDEN

Stockholm, Dec. 14 (Reuter).

The Swedish Bank Rate was raised from 2 1/2 per cent to 3 per cent today.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

## QUOTATION

DECEMBER 15, 1939

STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 14	STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 14
Adams Express	8 1/2		Lake Foundry & Mac.	4 1/2	
Allegheny Steel Co.	22 1/2		Libbey-Owens-Ford	49 1/2	
Allied Stores	9 1/2		Lockheed Aircraft	32 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	40		Loew's Inc.	33 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	97		Mack Truck Inc.	28 1/2	
Amerada Corp.			Manhattan Shirt Co.		
Amer. Can.	112 1/2		Martin, Glen L.	39 1/2	
American Cyanamid B.	32 1/2		McKesson & Robbins, pld.		
Amer. & Foreign Power	2		Montanto Chemical	105 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign 7 1/2 pf.	26		Montgomery Ward	55	
American Gas & Elec.	38 1/2		National Aviation	12 1/2	
Amer. Locomotive	22 1/2		Nat. Dairy Products	15 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.	23 1/2		Nat. Distillers	23 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	9 1/2		National Gypsum	11 1/2	
Amer. Rolling Mill	16 1/2		National Lead	20	
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	51 1/2		Nat. Power & Light	8 1/2	
Amer. Sugar Refining	21 1/2		National Steel Corp.	7 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	169		Nat. Supply Corp.	8 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	83 1/2		New York Central	18 1/2	
Amer. Waterworks	11 1/2		Niagara Hudson Power	6 1/2	
Anaconda Copper	30 1/2		N. American Aviation	25 1/2	
Atchison; T. & S. Fe.	24 1/2		North American Co.	22 1/2	
Auburn Motors	2 1/2		Northern Pacific	9 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	6		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	62 1/2	
Barber Asphalt Co.	14 1/2		Pacific Gas & Elec.	32 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil	12 1/2		Pacific Lighting	47 1/2	
Bethlehem Aviation	30		Packard Motors	3 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	82 1/2		Paramount Pictures	7 1/2	
Bliss & Co.	15 1/2		Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	23		Phelps-Dodge	41 1/2	
Borg-Warner	24 1/2		Phillips Petroleum	38 1/2	
Biggs Manufacturing	22 1/2		Pittsburg Coke & Iron	8 1/2	
Brooklyn-M'hattan Trans.	14 1/2		Public Service of N.J.	40	
Brooklyn-Manhattan S.	50 1/2		Pullman Inc.	33	
Canadian Pacific R'way.	4 1/2		Pure Oil	8	
Case J. I.	72 1/2		Radio Corp. of Am.	5 1/2	
Celanese	28 1/2		Reading Company, Com.	16 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	40 1/2		Reading Company, 1st pld.	25 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	89		Remington Arms Co. Inc.	5 1/2	
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	48 1/2		Republic Aviation Corp.	5 1/2	
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	83 1/2		Republic Steel	23 1/2	
Columbia Gas & El.	6 1/2		Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	15	
Columbia 6 1/2 "A" pf.	84 1/2		Reynold Tobac. "B"	37 1/2	
Copperweld Steel	17 1/2		Richfield Oil	7 1/2	
Commercial Credit Co.	45 1/2		Safeway Stores	48 1/2	
Com. & Southern (ord)	1 1/2		Schenley Distillers	12 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	30		Schenley Distillers 5 1/2 pld.		
Consolidated Oil	7 1/2		Sears Roebuck	82 1/2	
Continental Can	42 1/2		Shell Union Oil	12 1/2	
Continental Oil	22 1/2		Socoy-Vacuum Oil	11 1/2	
Corn Products	62		Southern Pacific	15	
Curtiss Wright (C.)	10 1/2		Southern Ry 5 1/2 pld.	34 1/2	
Curtiss Wright "A"	28 1/2		Sperry	45 1/2	
Deere & Co.	23 1/2		Spicer Manufacturing Co.	32	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18 1/2		Standard Brands	5 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	79		Stand Gas & Elec.	24	
Du Pont de Nemours	17 1/2		Standard Oil of California	24 1/2	
Eagle Picher Lead	11 1/2		Standard Oil of N.J.	42 1/2	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	29 1/2		Stone & Webster	11 1/2	
Elec. Autolite	37 1/2		Studebaker Com.	8 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share	7 1/2		Swift International	31 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share 5 1/2 pf.	56 1/2		Technicolor	13 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share 3 1/2 pf.	68 1/2		Texas Corp.	43	
Elec. Power & Light 7 1/2 pf.	30		Texas Gulf Sulphur	32 1/2	
Flintkote	20 1/2		Trans-America Co.	8	
Gen. American Trans.	55		20th Cent. Fox	12 1/2	
Gen. Electric	39 1/2		20th Cent. Fox 4 1/2 pf.	22 1/2	
Gen. Motors	54		Union Carbide & Carbon	86 1/2	
Gen. Railway Signal	19 1/2		Union Pacific	9 1/2	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	22 1/2		United Aircraft	45 1/2	
Gillette Co.	17 1/2		United Airlines Trans.	15	
Goodrich (B.F.)	20 1/2		United Corp.	23	
Goodrich 5 1/2 pf.	66		United Corp. 3 1/2 cum pf.	39 1/2	
Goodyear Tire & Co.	23 1/2		United Gas Corp.	13	
Great Northern Iron Ore	1 1/2		United Gas Improvement	14 1/2	
Great Northern Ry. pld.	27 1/2		U.S. Industrial Alcohol	22 1/2	
Great Western Sugar	27 1/2		U.S. Rubber	41 1/2	
Greyhound Corp.	17		U.S. Rubber 3 1/2 pld.	108 1/2	
Hercules Powder Co.	89 1/2		U.S. Steel	68 1/2	
Homestake Mining	59 1/2		Vanadium	34 1/2	
International Harvester	62		Walworth Co.	6 1/2	
Int. Nickel	36		Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	4		Westinghouse Elec.	112 1/2	
Johns-Manville	75		Woodward Iron Corp.	24 1/2	
J. & Laughlin Steel 7 1/2 pld.	70		Chase National Bank	36 1/2	
Kennecott Copper	38		National City Bank	28 1/2	



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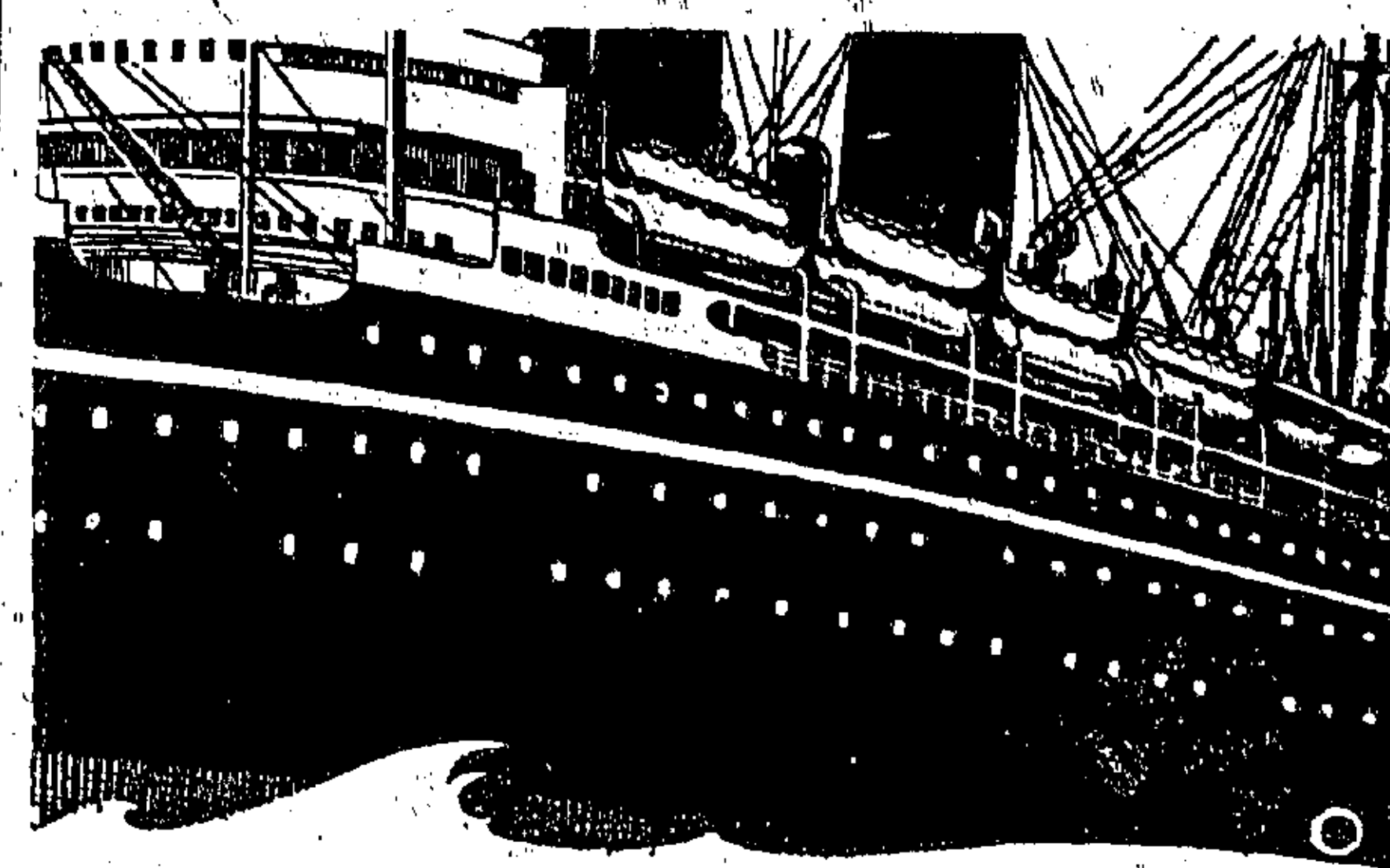
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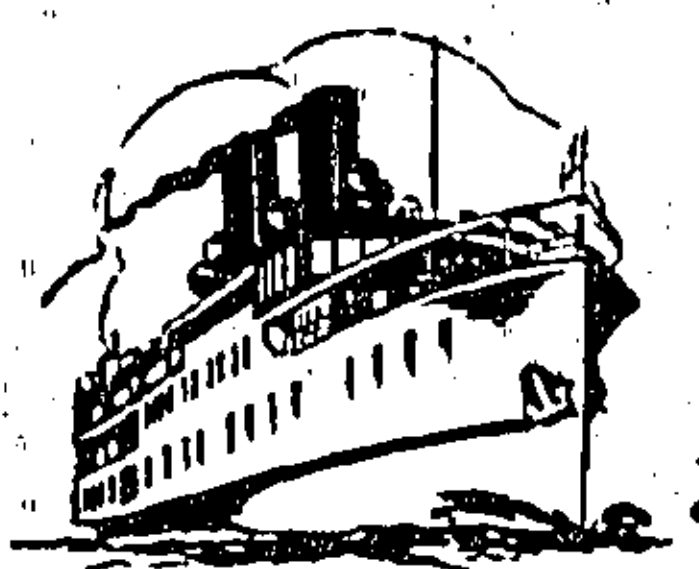


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## Referees' Association Dinner

### APPOINTMENTS AT STANLEY

The annual dinner of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association was held last night at the Hotel Cecil, about 70 persons being present.

The toast to the King was proposed by Mr. D. R. Mitchell.

The Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Football Association, Mr. C. A. Goldenberg, referred to certain criticisms that have been made of the appointment of referees for football matches played at Stanley.

The Football Association, Mr. Goldenberg said, preferred to save other referees from being unnecessarily inconvenienced and put to some expense.

A good programme of entertainment was arranged for the evening.

## SMALL INDUSTRY PROMOTION IN KWANGTUNG

SHIU KWAN, Dec. 15 (Central).—To take the place of industrial plants along the coast destroyed by the Japanese invasion, the provincial authorities are taking energetic steps to promote small factories and home industries in the interior of Kwangtung.

An ambitious scheme has been mapped out by the Reconstruction Department to provide every district of the province a number of small factories utilizing as far as possible local labour and raw materials. The factories will be government owned in the beginning but may be sold to private interests later on.

Preparations have been completed to establish these factories in many of the interior districts, while a province-wide survey is under way.

## CHAMBER MUSIC CLUB SEASON

The Hongkong Chamber Music Club commenced its second season with a vocal and instrumental concert at Government House last night. Those who took part were Miss Elvise Yuen, Mr. N. Tonoff, Prof. E. Pellegrini and Prof. Harry Ore.

There was a very encouraging attendance. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote, to whose sympathetic interest the Club largely owes its existence, being present.

## DUE TO ARRIVE IN HONGKONG

The following passengers are expected to arrive in Hongkong shortly from America by a President liner:

Mrs. Mary V. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. B. De V. Botten, Mr. H. Braham, Mrs. A. Dobson, Dr. A. Hughes, Miss A. Phillips, Miss G. Salle and Mr. C. L. Williams.

### DEPARTURES

The following left Hongkong yesterday: Mr. R. C. Chadda, Mr. R. Cohendet, Mr. L. G. Cousins, Mr. Chas. D. Culbertson, Miss Mary Gladys Denison, Major and Mrs. V. E. Ducloux, Miss J. Ducloux, Miss S. Ducloux, Mr. R. H. Elias, Mr. R. E. Francis, Mr. J. N. Gersherick, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gibson, Rev. Sister Louise Grison, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Hall.

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Li Yin-ming, office boy employed by the Dunlop Rubber Company, alleged to have caused his employers the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars because he stole the money for stamps and failed to post a large number of letters, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday on five counts of fraudulent conversion of \$55.20. Li pleaded guilty and was remanded for 24 hours. He told the Court that he would like to make restitution.

## CHURCHES

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### ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

December 17, 1939, 3rd Sunday in Advent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion Communicants' Fellowship, in Peak Church, Holy Communion.  
11.00 a.m. Matins. Preacher: The Dean.

12.15 p.m. Holy Communion.  
6.30 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: Rev. A. R. Rose.

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Cathedral, 10.00 a.m. Kindergarten and Children's Service.  
Chapel of the Resurrection, Happy Valley, 10.00 a.m. Kindergarten and Sunday School.  
Stanley Sunday School, Room, 10.00 a.m. Kindergarten and Sunday School.

### WEEKDAYS

Holy Communion is celebrated on:—

Thursday (St. Thomas' Day), at 7.30 a.m.

Friday at 7.45 a.m. (in Cantonese).

Wednesday, Prayer for the sick, at 10.15 a.m.

### OTHER NOTICES

December 20 10-12.30 p.m. Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, Cathedral Hall.

4 p.m. Choir Practice (Boys), Cathedral Hall, 8 p.m. Badminton, Cathedral Hall.

December 21 3.30 p.m. Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m. Cathedral Scouts Meeting, Bishop's House, Lower Albert Road.

December 22 5.30 p.m. Choir Practice Cathedral.

### THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas Tree will stand again in the north transept from Saturday, December 16. As in previous years, we shall devote all gifts that the placed on or under the tree to needy families nominated by the Hongkong Benevolent Society, the Society for the Protection of Children, and to homes and needy people who are being helped by the Social Service Centre of the Churches (Secretary, Miss Elliott). This winter, as every one knows, will be a very hard one and so we are hoping to receive even more gifts than in previous years.

The Benevolent Society specially ask for:—Old Winter Clothes, Blankets, Warm scarves, Soap, Brushes and combs, Handkerchiefs, Book, Crackers, Tinned foods, Biscuits, Horlick's Milk, A few Magazines, Old toys, Sweets, Cocoa.

The Society for the Protection of Children ask for:—Condensed Milk, Marmite, Rice, Oranges (Chinese), Cheap blankets (small), Padded coats (large and small), Woollen socks (large and small), Chinese sausages, Salt fish, Cakes and sweets, Soap, Umbrellas (Chinese), Woollen bonnets.

The Social Service Centre of the Churches ask for:—Blankets, Padded coats, Socks, Soap and towels, Warm suits of clothes, Shirts, Shoes, Provisions.

A member of the Women's Fellowship will be in the Cathedral each day to receive the presents, which will be welcomed any time before Christmas Day itself. If you wish to earmark your gift, please write "Benevolent Society," "S.P.C." or "S.S.C.C." on the outside of the packet. It may be more convenient for some to send gifts of money, in which case please send c/o the Dean, St. John's Cathedral Office, and mark the envelope "Christmas Tree Fund."

I am hoping to arrange for the personal distribution of the gifts by members of the Cathedral with the help of the Secretaries of the three societies. Will any members of the Cathedral who wish to help in the distribution please send their names to me.

### EMMANUEL MISSION

Sunday, 10 a.m. Service of Holy Communion 11 Morning Service, Preacher, Adjutant L.J. Russell, of Salvation Army, from Calcutta.  
2.45 p.m. Sunday School 3 Bible Classes 7.30 Song Service conducted by Mrs. Roberts & Mr. McLeod 8 Evening Service. Preacher, Mr. Forbes McLeod, Monday, 7.30 p.m. S.A.C.A. Blackboard Meeting 8 Bible Study Circle at 792 Mathan Road, 1st floor, Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Meeting for Chinese amahs Wednesday, 8 p.m. Praise and Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 10.30 a.m. Women's Bible Study Circle at 216 Nathan Road, 1st floor, 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting Friday, 8 p.m. Bible Study Circle at 3, Ho Man Tin Street, Top floor.

All are welcome. No collection on Sunday evening.

## Triangular Rugger Tournament

### FINAL GAME IN FIRST ROUND

The last game in the first round of the Triangular Tournament will take place today, when the Army will play the Navy on the Army ground at Sookunpo. The game will commence at 4.00 p.m. In this tournament to date the Club has beaten both the Army and Navy.

### CLUB vs POLICE

Prior to the Triangular Tournament game there will be a match commencing at 2.45 p.m. between the Police and the Club.

The Club side has been selected as follows:—

F. M. Thompson, H. van Leeuwen (Captain), J. C. Charter, H. D. Bidwell, H. M. Lavelle, M. G. Carruthers, J. H. Thomson, R. E. Heasman, K. W. Salter, P. F. Wanklyn, A. M. Kennedy, E. A. Bompas, B. O'M. Deane, J. S. Dunnett and E. W. Stout.

## H.K. GOLF CLUB STARTING TIMES

The following are the Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for Fanning tomorrow:

### OLD COURSE

8.15 J. T. Smith, F. D. Hunter.  
9.20 R. H. Gregory, W. J. Alexander.  
9.24 J. B. Harrison, J. Linaker.  
9.28 P. S. Delany, M. D. Cooper.  
9.32 D. Humphreys, E. T. McMullen.  
9.36 A. L. Potter, E. L. Groomer.  
9.40 L. M. S. Lloyd, F. Morrison.  
9.44 J. M. Pearson, M. Pollock.  
9.48 W. W. C. Shewen, T. Megarry.  
9.52 T. A. Pearce, G. C. Worral.  
9.56 A. N. and Q. A. Macfadyen.  
10.00 S. T. Butler, T. Low.  
10.04 Comdr. Hole, A. B. Farves.  
10.08 R. Young, A. E. Lissaman.  
10.12 D. J. Gilmore, E. D. Lawrence.  
10.16 W. Sharp, A. A. Bremner.  
10.20 D. H. Clark, L. Jackson.  
10.24 S. S. Church, E. R. McKay.  
10.28 B. O. Baldwin, P. E. Annis.  
10.32 H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.  
10.36 H. G. Sheldon, W. Hewitt.  
10.40 H. C. Watson, F. C. Jackson.  
10.44 F. C. Young, W. Bastin.  
10.48 J. G. Campbell, J. W. MacLeod.  
10.52 Major Hoag, Major Heane.

### NEW COURSE

9.24 Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Smith.  
9.32 Capt. Giles, Major Meek.  
9.36 Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Bremner.  
9.32 Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.

## HEALTH RETURNS

### EASTERN PORTS

The following is the Health Bulletin for Eastern Ports for the week ending Dec. 9:

Cholera: Calcutta: 25 cases, Delhi: nil.  
Small-Pox: Jodhpur: 3 deaths; Delhi: one case; Cawnpore: one case; Bombay: one case; Calcutta: 3 cases; Rangoon: 3 cases; Hongkong: 2 cases.

## CHRIST CHURCH

### KOWLOON TONG

### ACTIVITY PLAY

REV. T. K. CHIU TO PREACH AT MANDARIN SERVICE.

Dec. 17, Advent III.

7.15 a.m. Holy Communion, 9 a.m. Sunday Schools, 10 a.m. Choral Eucharist Preacher: The Vicar, 11 a.m. Mandarin Service. Preacher: Rev. T. K. Chiu of the Church of Christ in China, Fuzhen). 6.30 p.m. Evensong & Sermon. Preacher: The Vicar. (Subject, continuing the series of addresses on the Life of Jesus).

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 18, 20 and 21. Full Dress rehearsals for the Nativity Play at 8.30 p.m. Choir practices at times arranged.

Wednesday, Dec. 20.—A Sacred Concert to be given in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 8.30 p.m. by the combined choirs of the Hop Yat Church and the Christ Church Mandarin Congregation.

Thursday, Dec. 21.—St. Thomas, A. & M. Holy Communion at 7.15 Friday, Dec. 22.—The "Christmas Mystery," A Nativity Play to be produced in the Church commencing at 8.45 p.m. A telling of the story of the birth of Jesus by people speaking in costume and music sung by a choir. No admission charge but a collection will be taken afterwards.

Saturday, Dec. 23.—The Church will be decorated and gifts of flowers, red or white, may be brought to the Church from 9 a.m. to noon. Christmas Services.—Dec. 24.—Midnight Choral Eucharist commencing at 11.30 p.m. Preacher: The Bishop, Dec. 25.—Holy Communion at 7 & 8 a.m. Children's Service at 10 a.m.

## FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, 16th DECEMBER, 1939, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

Christmas and New Year Cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents per 2 ounces, for all countries.  
Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces.  
Envelopes must not be closed.

### INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Japan and Shanghai	16th Dec.
Shanghai	16th Dec.
Shanghai	16th Dec.
Manila	16th Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 9th Dec.	17th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	17th Dec.
Haiphong, Hanoi & Fort Bayard	17th Dec.
Haiphong	17th Dec.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	17th Dec.
Haiphong	17th Dec.
Shanghai	16th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan American Air-ways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 5th December.	18th Dec.
Saigon	18th Dec.
Shanghai and Amoy	18th Dec.
Straits and Manila	18th Dec.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane	18th Dec.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 13th November).	19th Dec.
Straits	19th Dec.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 13th December.	20th Dec.
Amoy	20th Dec.
Straits	20th Dec.
Straits	20th Dec.
Java and Manila	20th Dec.
Rabaul	20th Dec.
London and Straits	20th Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 13th Dec.	21st Dec.
U. S. A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco, date 22nd November).	21st Dec.
Australia and Manila	21st Dec.
Australia and Manila	21st Dec.
Shanghai	22nd Dec.
Straits	22nd Dec.
Japan	22nd Dec.
Sandakan	23rd Dec.
Haiphong and Hanoi	23rd Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	23rd Dec.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th November).	23rd Dec.
Shanghai and Amoy	24th Dec.
Japan	24th Dec.
Straits	24th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	25th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	25th Dec.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	26th Dec.
Manila	26th Dec.
Manila	26th Dec.
Straits	26th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	27th Dec.
Shanghai	27th Dec.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd December).	28th Dec.
Japan	28th Dec.
Sandakan	29th Dec.
Shanghai	29th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	30th Dec.
London and Straits	31st Dec.

### OUTWARD MAILS

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For	Date and Time
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Sat. 16th
Canton	7.15 AM
Straits and Calcutta	Parcels—1.00 PM
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central & South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 6th January 1940.	G.P.O. & K.P.O. 4.00 PM
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 13th January 1940.	Reg. 5.00 PM
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 24th Dec.	Ord. 5.30 PM
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Sun. 17th
Shanghai	8.30 AM
Saigon	8.30 AM
Amoy	9.00 AM
<b>MONDAY</b>	Mon. 18th
Shanghai	8.30 AM
Fort Bayard	1.30 PM
Canton	7.00 PM
Japan	7.00 PM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Tue. 19th
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U. S. A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 25th December.	K.P.O. 6.00 PM
Fort Bayard, and Hanoi.	Reg. 18th 6.00 PM
Amoy and Shanghai	Ord. 19th 7.30 AM
	1.30 PM
	2.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 6.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 27th December.	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 6.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Airmail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 25th December.	Reg. 6.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM

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